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WE. THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASSES
OF PETERSHAM HIGH SCHOOL, WISH TO EXPRESS TO
MR. OLSON OUR APPRECIATION OF HIS EFFORTS IN
OUR BEHALF BY DEDICATING TO HIM THIS ISSUE
OF THE HILLTOP. IN THE FIVE YEARS THAT MR.
OLSON HAS BEEN WITH US WE HAVE VERY MUCH
ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIM.



Foreword

Rather than make this page a dull one, with words of wisdom from one who feels that the longer he lives and studies the less he knows, I wish to entertain the readers with the foreword from the first publication of a yearbook at Petersham High School:

"For the first time in the history of the Petersham High School, the Senior Class presents to the Alumni and friends of our institution, a publication, "The Maroon." As this is the first attempt made at such a project, we hope that you will not criticise us too severely

"We have herein tried to do credit to our High School, and we sincerely hope that each succeeding class will profit by our mistakes, and annually issue a book. To those whom we have neglected, we would say, be comforted, your turn may come next year."

As one reads "The Maroon" of 1912, one thinks of the material changes that have evolved in the interim, but as the thoughts and the attitudes of the writers peek through, there appears a basic philosophy that rings true even today, a philosophy which is characteristic of our own boys and girls. The esprit de corps is high, attitudes are wholesome, and the thoughts are sincere. It is a good philosophy and one found only in a country of free people.

William P. Robbins, Principal



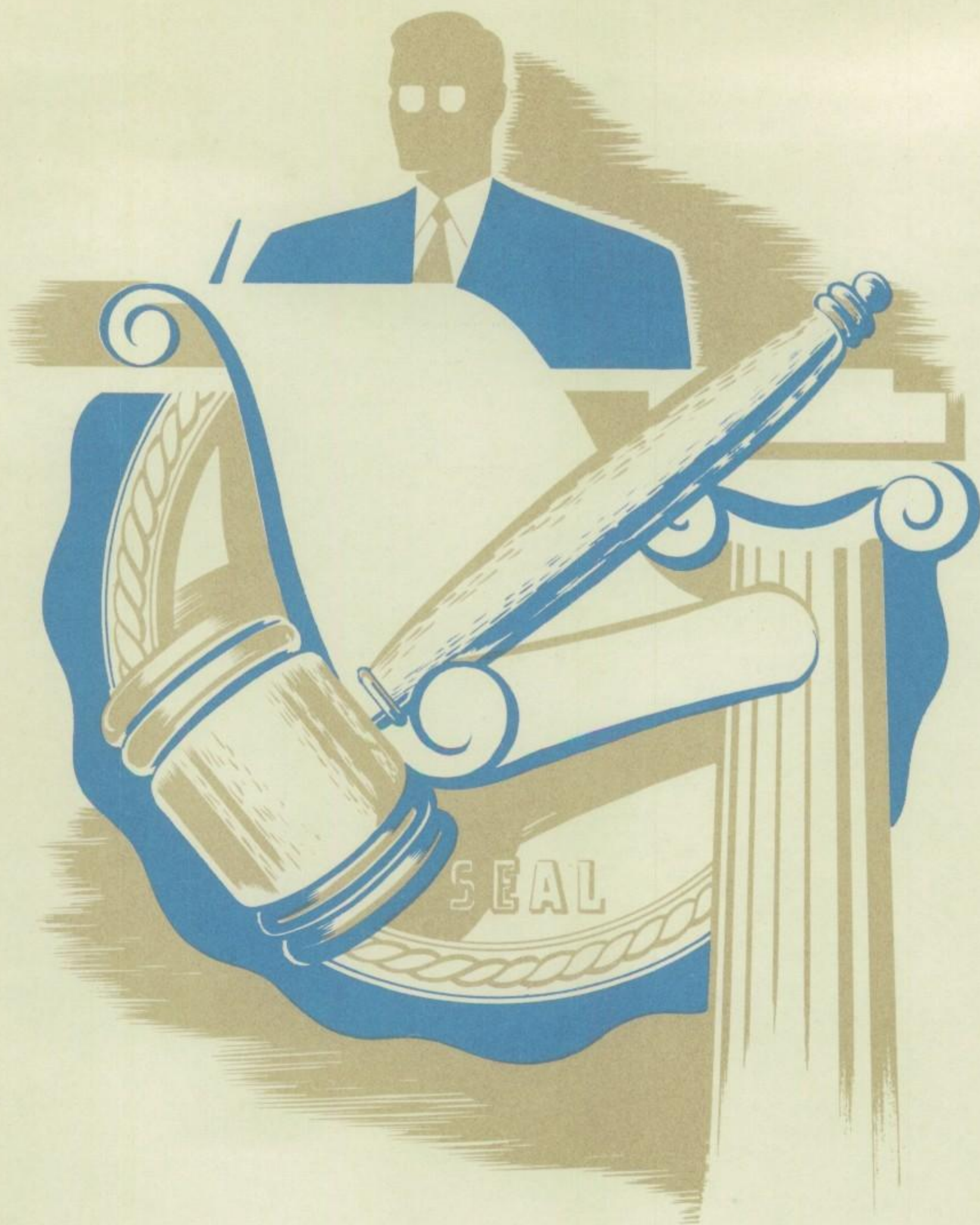


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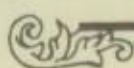
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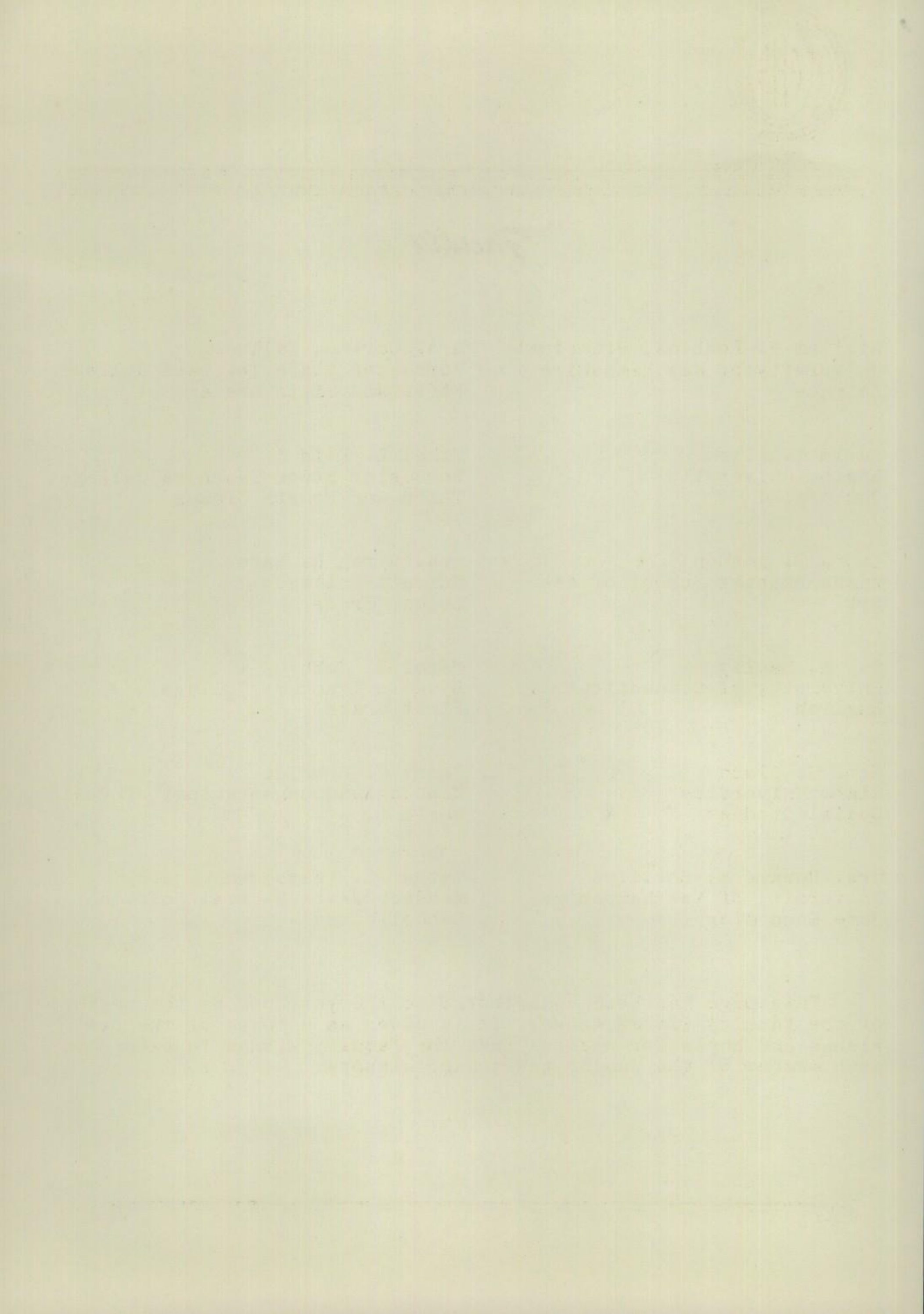
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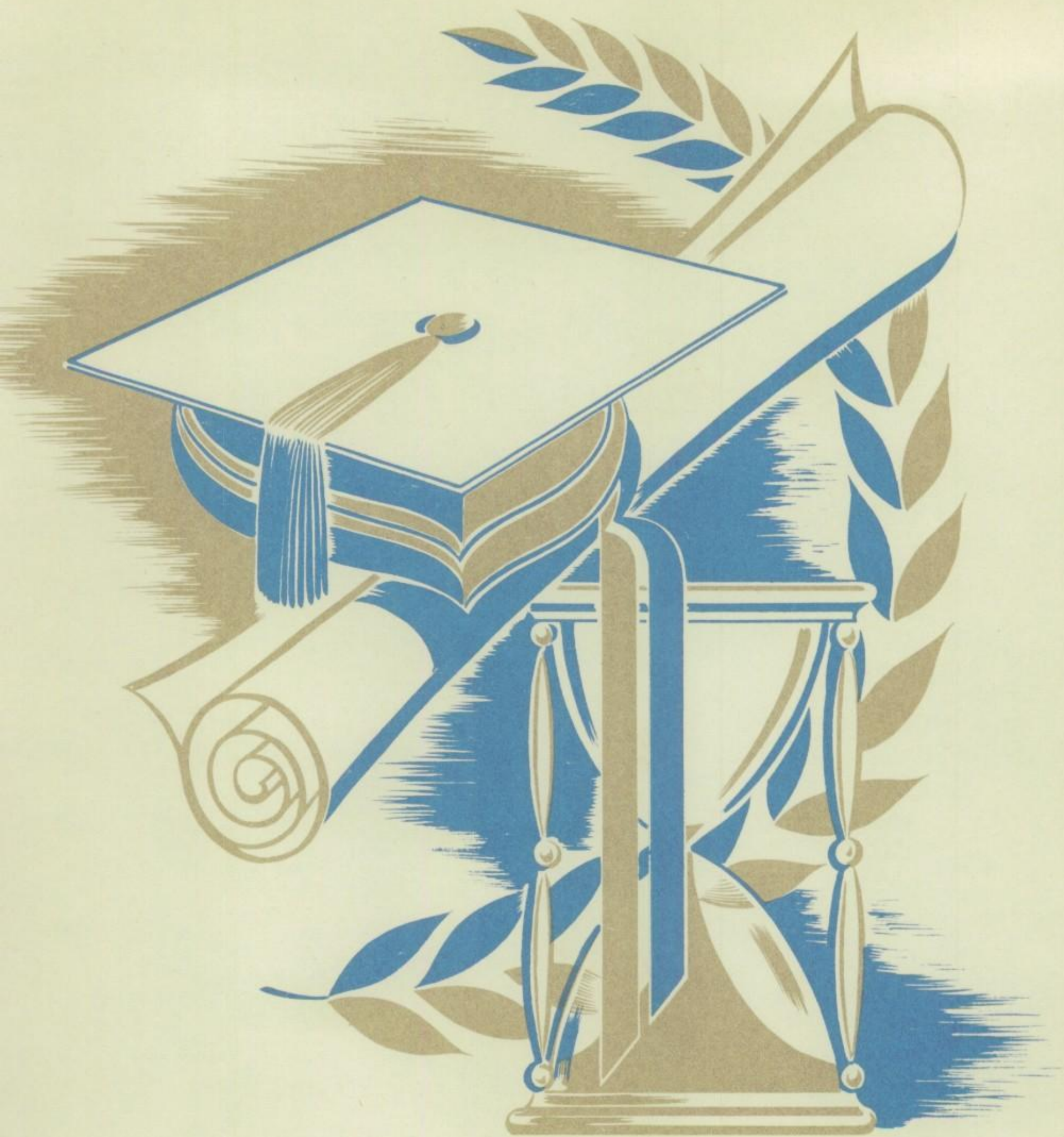
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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: MISS AMSDEN (ART) AND MRS. PHILLIPS (HOME ECONOMICS). BACK ROW: MR. ROBBINS (SCIENCE), MR. ALLEN (COMMERCIAL), MR. BAGLEY (ENGLISH), AND MR. OLSON (SOCIAL STUDIES).



S E N I O R S

Barbara Merritt

"Barb"

Class Will
Hilltop 3, 4.

Barbara certainly likes to sell advertising and has done such a good job of it for two years that we expect her to make that her life's work. We know she'll make a success of whatever she does. You have our best wishes, Barb.



Marjorie Harper

"Midgie"

Salutatorian
Hilltop 3, 4.
Senior Play 2, 3, 4.
Cheerleader 2, 4.
Treasurer, Student Council 3.

As our D. A. R. representative Midgie is the "good citizen" of our class. She was in the senior play for three years, and she certainly proved her ability to act. We wish you luck for the future, Midgie.

Carol Cooper

Carol

Valedictorian
Hilltop 2, 3, 4.
Senior Play 2, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Secretary, Student Council 2.
Vice President, Student Council 3.

Carol is the most versatile member of our class. She is sure to succeed in anything she tries. She deserves the best and we know she will get it.



Ernest Phillips

"Long John"



Gifts

Hilltop 3, 4.

Senior Play 4.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

We rather expect Ernest to be a butler after the wonderful performance he gave as a butler in our senior play. Well, whatever you do, Ernest, we certainly wish you the best.

Lucille Cooley

"Lucy"



Gifts

Hilltop 3, 4.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lucy is the most domestic member of our class. She is also one of the most friendly. Our best wishes for future happiness, Lucy.

Shirley Dorow

"Shirl"



Gifts

Hilltop 3, 4.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

(Captain 3, 4.)

We are certainly proud of Shirley's wonderful basketball record. Whatever you do in the future, Shirley, we wish you success.

Frederick Elliott

"Freddie"

Class Day Welcome
 Vice President 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Hilltop 3, 4.
 Senior Play 2, 3.
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
 (Captain 3.)
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Freddie played on the basketball team for four years and was captain for one year. In basketball he always made a very good showing. Freddie will undoubtedly have a dairy of his own some day and it will, of course, be a big success. We wish you the best of luck, Freddie.



June Legare

June

Class Prophecy
 President 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Hilltop 3, 4.
 Senior Play 2, 3, 4.
 Basketball 1, 2, 3.

June, as a future nurse, will undoubtedly be successful. We're sure she'll cure a number of patients with her "laugh" treatment. You have our sincere best wishes for the future, June.

Sally Harris

"Sal"

Class History
 Secretary and Treasurer 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Vice President, Student Council 2.
 President, Student Council 3.
 Hilltop 2, 3, 4.
 Senior Play 4.

"The best-natured"--that's what our gal Sal was voted, and she certainly is that. Whatever Sally does in the future, we know she'll keep the people around her happy. Best of luck to you, Sally.



SENIOR CLASS NEWS

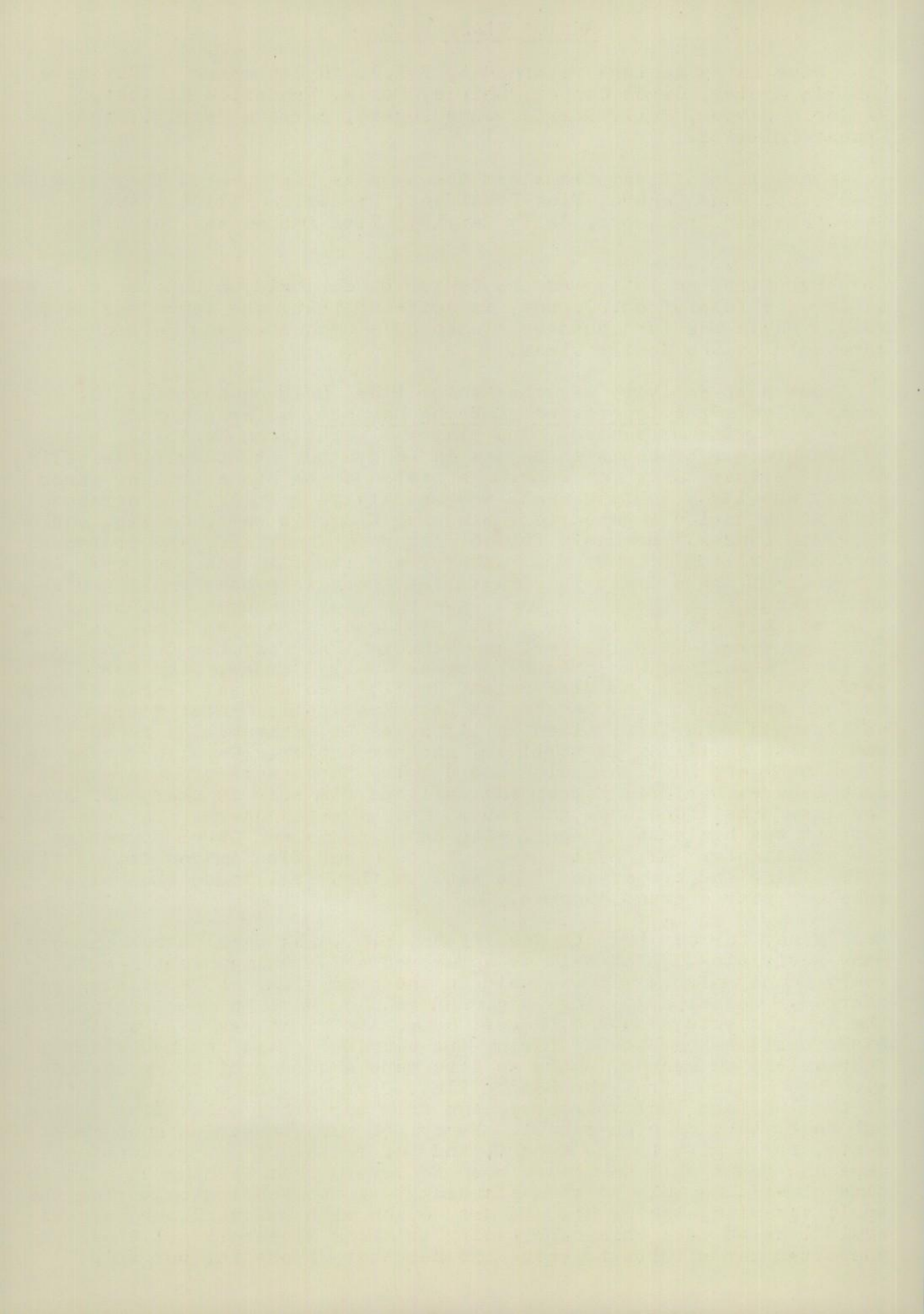
Nine happy seniors returned to P.H.S. in September. They were: Lucille Cooley, Carol Cooper, Shirley Dorow, Frederick Elliott, Marjorie Harper, Sally Harris, June Legare, Barbara Merritt, and Ernest Phillips.

Our class officers remained the same as last year. They were: President, June Legare; Vice-President, Frederick Elliott; and Secretary and Treasurer, Sally Harris. Miss Amsden was our class adviser.

Our first activity was the Senior Dance, held on October 27. We suffered a loss of \$5.00, but, in spite of that, the dance was very good. Music was furnished by Ainsworth's Orchestra and refreshments were sold by the Senior Class.

Our next activity was the Senior Play, held on November 10. Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, a farce comedy in three acts, was presented. The play was about John Worthing, who called himself Ernest when he was in London but at other times called himself either "Jack" or John. He pretended he had a brother named Ernest who lived in London and who was always getting into scrapes. This was a device he used to sneak away from his ward, Cecily, and to go to London. He had a friend, Algernon Moncrieff, who pretended he had an ailing friend, Mr. Bunbury, who lived in the country. As a result of these mixed-up identities there were many amusing misunderstandings. The thing that gave the play freshness and originality was the wit and satire of its dialogue. Those who took part in the play were: Carol Cooper, as Gwendolen Fairfax; Lee Cunningham, as Lane, a butler; Marjorie Harper, as Cecily Cardew, John Worthing's ward; Sally Harris, as Miss Prism, Cecily's governess; Clarke Johnson, as John Worthing; June Legare, as Lady Bracknell; Daniel Morrison, as Algernon Moncrieff; Alden Phillips, as Dr. Chasuble, a rector; and Ernest Phillips, as Merriman, another butler. Carolyn Thayer was stage manager; Lucille Cooley and Shirley Dorow were prompters; and June Legare, Marjorie Harper and Sally Harris were in charge of properties. Basil Coolidge and Robert Thayer were ushers. Barbara Merritt was business manager, with Nancy Adams and Carol Cooper as her assistants. Mr. Bagley was our coach and Miss Amsden helped with advertising and properties. We want to thank all those who helped make our play a great success.

Money for our trip to Washington, D.C., has been raised through many activities. Last fall we sponsored a Community Night nearly every Monday night. It was held in the gymnasium. No admission was charged. Basketball, ping-pong, and dancing were on the program. The seniors sold soda and fudge. Community Night was held until basketball season began. During the year our class has had several food sales, on each of which we have made a good profit. Money has also been raised from the Senior Play, from our share in the profits of the 1950 and 1951 yearbooks, and from our other activities during our four years of high school. Money for our graduation announcements, for a gift to the school, and for rental of our graduation caps and gowns will be raised when we return from Washington. At the time of writing this we were planning to go to Washington during the April vacation, taking Mr. and Mrs. Olson with us as chaperons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all those who supported our efforts to raise the necessary funds for our trip.





J U N I O R S



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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

On September 6, 1950, eight juniors came to school. They were Nancy Adams, Ann Bryant, Basil Coolidge, Alden Phillips, Carolyn Thayer, Robert Thayer, Ann Yonker, and, a newcomer, Daniel Morrison.

In October a class meeting was held and officers were elected as follows: President, Carolyn Thayer; Vice President and Treasurer, Ann Bryant; and Secretary, Nancy Adams. Mr. Bagley was our class adviser.

After the Christmas vacation Daniel Morrison left us to join the navy.

A junior girl, Ann Bryant, was elected to represent P.H.S. on Good Government Day, a day when boys and girls from all over the state go to Boston to observe the state government in action.

A junior boy, Robert Thayer, was elected captain of the boys' basketball team.

Alden Phillips will be sent to Boys' State, at the University of Massachusetts, in July. Carolyn Thayer will be sent to Girls' State, at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in June.

Again this year The Hilltop has been sponsored by the Junior and Senior Classes and the profit has been divided between them.

At the time of writing this (March) we were making plans for the annual Junior Prom which was to be held May 18.

Nancy Adams '52

BASEBALL GAME

Whack! There it goes!
All the fielders are on their toes.
Now it's flying over third,
Through the air like a bird.
The left fielder is after the ball--
Hurrah! A homer, over the wall!

The game was fought and it was won,
And now the joy has begun.
Another win for our nine--
Winning ball games sure is fine!

Robert Thayer '52

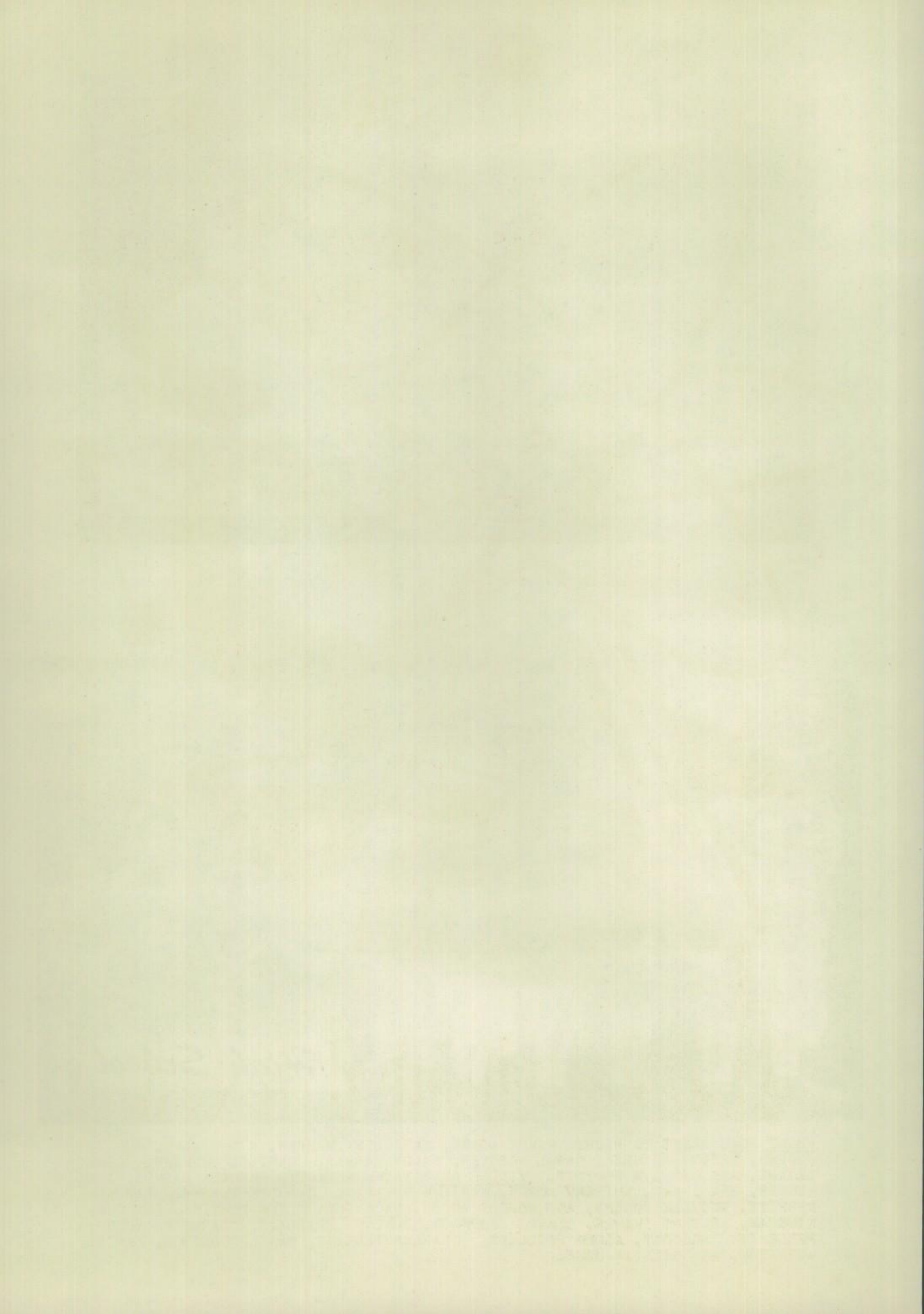


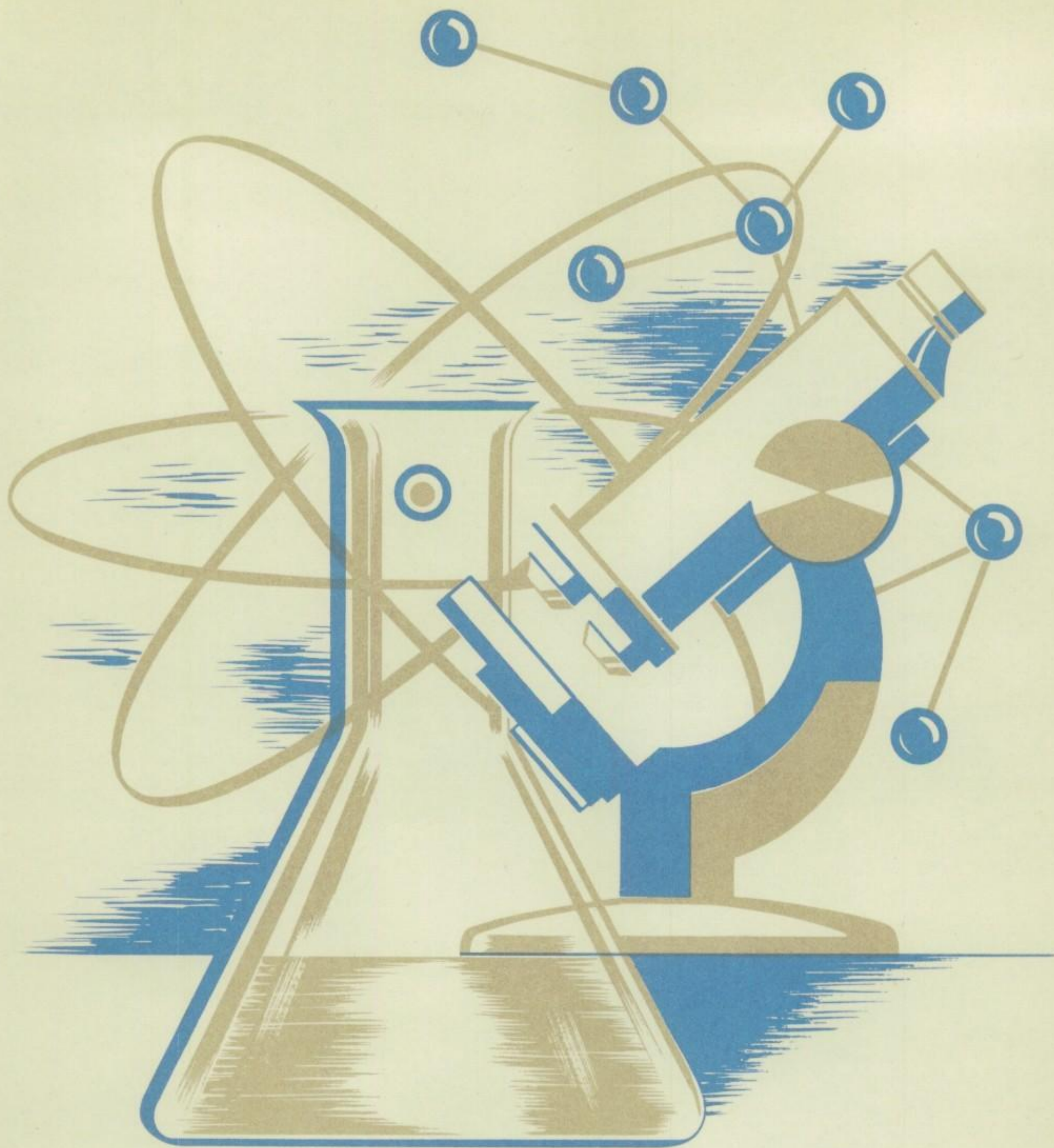


FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: NANCY ADAMS, CAROLYN THAYER, ANN BRYANT, AND ANN YONKER. BACK ROW: BASIL COOLIDGE, ROBERT THAYER, ALDEN PHILLIPS, AND DANIEL MORRISON.

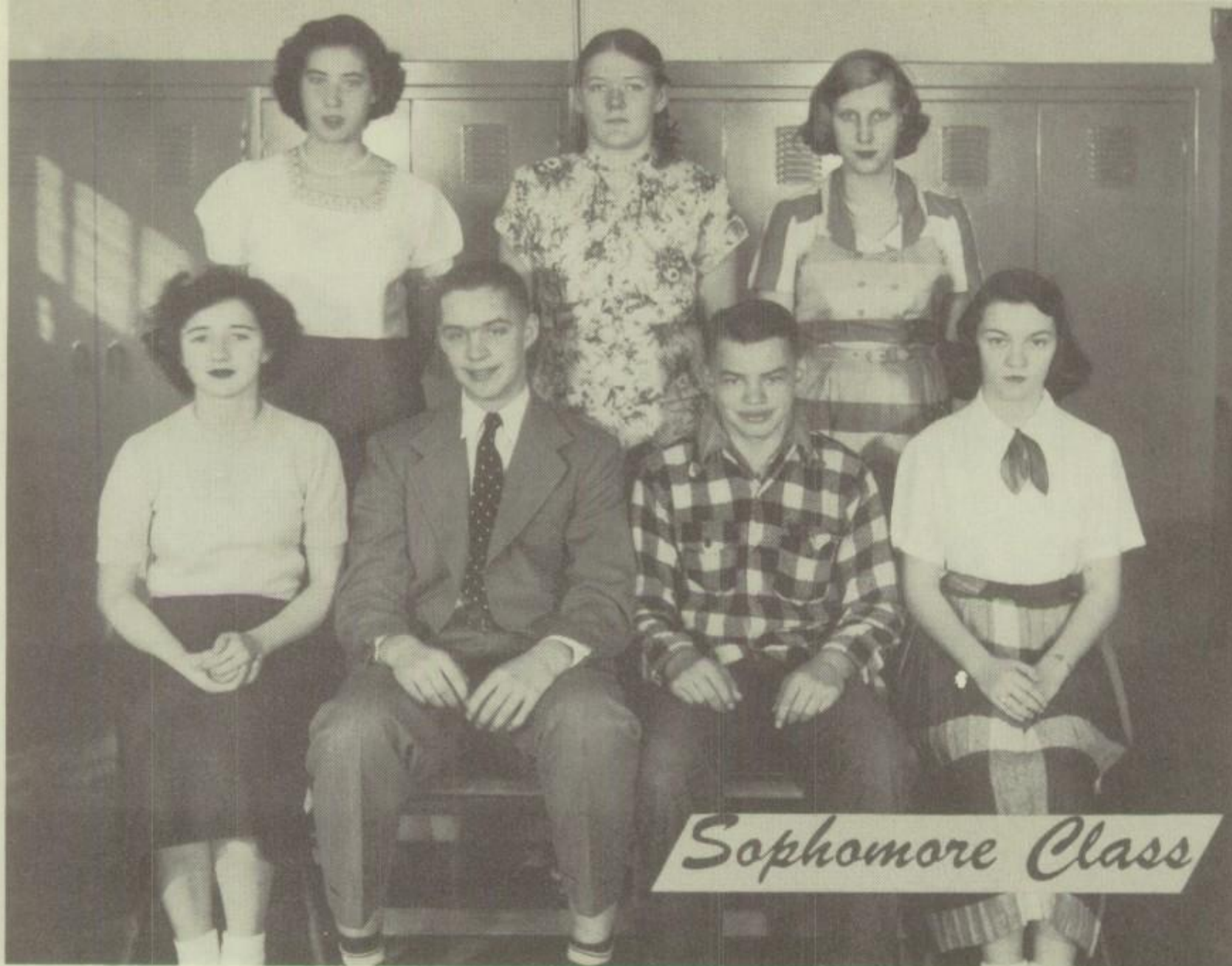


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S O P H O M O R E S



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: BARBARA BARNES, CLARKE JOHNSON, WILLIAM HOOD, AND MARILEE BURNHAM. BACK ROW: EVA ADAMS, MARILYN EDWARDS, AND BETTY RUSSELL.



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: CAROLYN DOUTHIT, WAYNE ELLIOTT, ROBERT RECOS, AND JUDITH COOPER. BACK ROW: LEE CUNNINGHAM, CLARENCE YOUNG, CHARLES PERKINS, AND CLYDE PERKINS.



FRESHMEN

SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

The members of the Sophomore Class this year were Eva Adams, Barbara Barnes, Marilee Burnham, Marilyn Edwards, William Hood, Clarke Johnson, and Betty Russell.

On September 26 we had our first class meeting. The class officers chosen were: President, Marilee Burnham; Vice President, Barbara Barnes; Secretary, Eva Adams; and Treasurer, Betty Russell. The class adviser was Mr. Allen.

Plans for the Freshman Initiation were made and it was held on October 6 in the gymnasium. The freshmen were dressed as characters from the comic strip Archie Andrews. Robert Recos was Archie, Carolyn Douthit was Jughead, Clyde Perkins was Betty, Judy Cooper was Veronica, Clarence Young was Reggie, Wayne Elliott was Mr. Weatherbee, Flora Brown and Charlie Perkins were Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, and Lee Cunningham was Miss Grundy. Everyone had fun--even the freshmen!

Eva Adams '53

FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

On September 6, 1950, nine apprehensive freshmen entered Petersham High School. Of course the upperclassmen quickly saw to it that we took our proper places in the front seats! The members of our class were: Flora Brown, Judy Cooper, Lee Cunningham, Carolyn Douthit, Wayne Elliott, Charlie Perkins, Clyde Perkins, Robert Recos, and Clarence Young.

At our first class meeting we elected the following officers: President, Lee Cunningham; Vice President, Robert Recos; Secretary, Carolyn Douthit; and Treasurer, Judy Cooper. Our class advisor was Mrs. Phillips.

To our grief Freshman Initiation came early in October. It was not as bad as we had been led to believe it would be. It was in the form of an Archie Andrews program.

We felt honored when one of our members, Robert Recos, won the program cover contest for the Tri-State Basketball Tournament this year.

Flora Brown left school early in November and Clarence Young left early in March, leaving us with seven in our class.

The Freshman Sports Dance was held April 6. It was the only activity sponsored by our class this year.

Carolyn Douthit '54



UNDERCLASSMEN



JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The eighth grade started the year with the following students: Arthur Adams, Ronald Adams, Myron Bates, Elsie Brown, Marilyn Bryant, Paul Clark, Beverly Dorow, Wilbar Dorow, Mae Edwards, Frances Elliott, Philip Legare, John Mayes, Viola Nelson, Helen Peltonen, Dorothy Recos, Roger Russell, Lee Smith, Frances Upham, Gerald Wade, and Margaret Yonker.

The seventh grade started the year with the following students: Claire Anderson, Bernard Baldwin, Elaine Banks, Kay Burnham, Richard Hood, Paul LaPointe, Robert Mack-Hale, Fredrik Marsh, Charles Pettit, and William Russell. Harriet Dame joined the seventh grade in January. In March Charles Pettit left us because his family moved to another town.

The following were chosen as officers of the Civics Club: President, Dorothy Recos; Vice President, Kay Burnham; Secretary, Marilyn Bryant; Treasurer, Beverly Dorow; Assistant Secretary, Richard Hood; and Assistant Treasurer, Paul LaPointe.

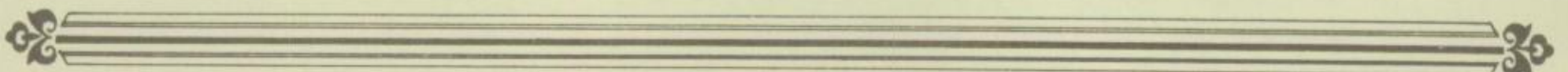
Most of the members of the group brought in twenty-five cents a week to save toward the trip which they hope to make when they are seniors.

The seventh and eighth grades took part in the Christmas program by singing "White Christmas" and reciting a poem called "The Night Before Christmas".

At the conclusion of the magazine drive the seventh grade had to spend a period in study and the eighth grade had to entertain the seniors by putting on a skit. These were forfeits we paid because we sold less in the magazine drive than the seniors did.

This year we presented our annual one-act play on May 4, in the town hall. It was called The White Phantom. The cast was as follows: Dorothy Recos, Ronald Adams, Elaine Banks, Beverly Dorow, Claire Anderson, Myron Bates, and Richard Hood. There was dancing after the play and refreshments were sold.

John Mayes
Paul LaPointe





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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: HELEN PELTONEN, FRANCES UPHAM, CLAIRE ANDERSON, MAE EDWARDS, FRANCES ELLIOTT, MARILYN BRYANT, BEVERLY DOROW, MARGARET YONKER, VIOLA NELSON, AND KAY BURNHAM. MIDDLE ROW: PAUL CLARK, MYRON BATES, BERNARD BALDWIN, PAUL LAPOINTE, DOROTHY RECOS, ELAINE BANKS, WILLIAM RUSSELL, ROGER RUSSELL, ROBERT MACK-HALE, AND LEE SMITH. BACK ROW: RICHARD HOOD, JOHN MAYES, ARTHUR ADAMS, RONALD ADAMS, WILBAR DOROW, PHILIP LEGARE, GERALD WADE, FREDRIK MARSH, AND CHARLES PETTIT. ABSENT: ELSIE BROWN AND HARRIET DAME.

FIRST GRADE

This fall twenty-one pupils enrolled in the first grade. In October Robert Newton left to live in Ware. In December Joseph Lewis left to live in Athol. So we now have only nineteen pupils enrolled.

Our scholastic schedule has followed much the same pattern as last year with the exception of the arithmetic program; that has been based upon an abundance of problems, which we hope will make the arithmetic facts more meaningful.

We spent more time this year on our Indian, Eskimo, and Dutch projects because of the children's great interest in them.

Our bird study was introduced by Lawrence Nelson, who brought in a very interesting bird book and a great desire to draw birds. This desire became contagious and we soon had some large charts drawn that showed pictures of the birds which we hoped to see later on our bird walks.

We have enjoyed our music this year and I find that this is one of the subjects that the children choose when they play school.

All of us are working very hard and we hope that before the end of the year our reading tests, arithmetic, and spelling will have reached a high enough level to make it possible for us to do good second grade work.

Miss Cobb

SECOND GRADE

When we entered school in September we had sixteen pupils. In October David Johnson and Stephen Sperry joined us. At Christmas time Eleanor Witt moved to Worcester and Judith Risatti to Athol.

We have enjoyed our new second grade room and have tried to keep it neat and cheerful. Our various window decorations have been admired by many people.

Our nature club has proved most interesting. Best of all we enjoyed studying about birds. Each pupil has made a notebook about birds.

Mrs. Bates

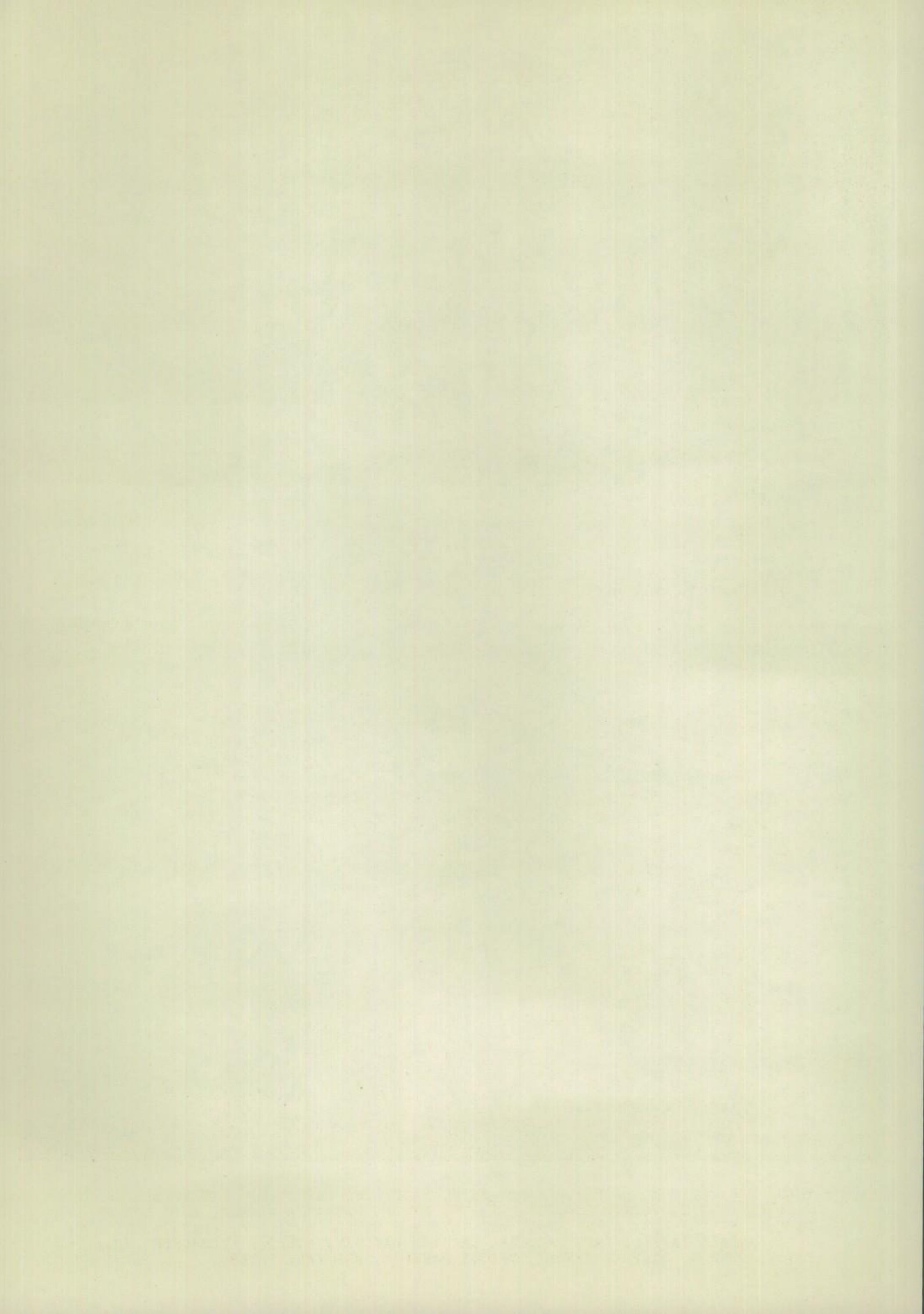




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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ELEANOR WITT, KATHERINE LAPOINTE, LINDA PERKINS, MILDRED PETTIT, JUDITH RISATTI, REBECCA SWOPE, PATRICIA ARMENT, AND STEVEN BARNES. MIDDLE ROW: ALLEN KNAPP AND LAWRENCE BUELL. BACK ROW: FRANCIS WHITE JR., RANDALL TAPPIN, GARY PROCTER, KENNETH BALDWIN, WILLIAM ELLSWORTH JR., DAVID JOHNSON, STEPHEN SPERRY, TEDDIE BASSETT, AND MRS. BATES.



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

When school opened in September we had an enrollment of thirty-seven, with nineteen in grade three and eighteen in grade four. Flora Newton, who had moved to Petersham during the summer, moved to Ware the last of October, thus making seventeen in the fourth grade. In January Donald Risatti, another pupil in grade four, moved to Athol, leaving sixteen in that class. In that same month Harry Baker entered our room. He was in the third grade, and came here from Grafton. Our present membership is thirty-six—twenty in grade three, and sixteen in grade four.

Miss Reid

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

When school opened in September we found that three new families were represented in our room. The new pupils were Richard Brown, Barbara and Rollin Newton, and Vera and David Pettit. Later in the year Robert Goodale and Shirley Carrabba joined us. Our enrollment at the present time is thirty-two.

Our school program was just about the same this year as last year. One variation was that a food sale was held in February. The money received was used to pay for our trip to Barre to the annual Audubon lecture. The money remaining will be used to purchase nature study material for the school.

Mrs. Hallberg

SUMMER MORNINGS AND NIGHTS

I love to get up in the early morn,
And see if I can see the mother deer and fawn,
Or even go for just a little walk,
And listen to the birds and animals talk.

I like to lie outside at night,
And watch the moon and other sights;
I see the swooping owl, the fleeing rat,
And, suddenly, the fluttering bat.

There's one thing only I can say,
And that is that it surely pays,
To stay out for a while at night,
And get up early in the day.

Robert Recos '54



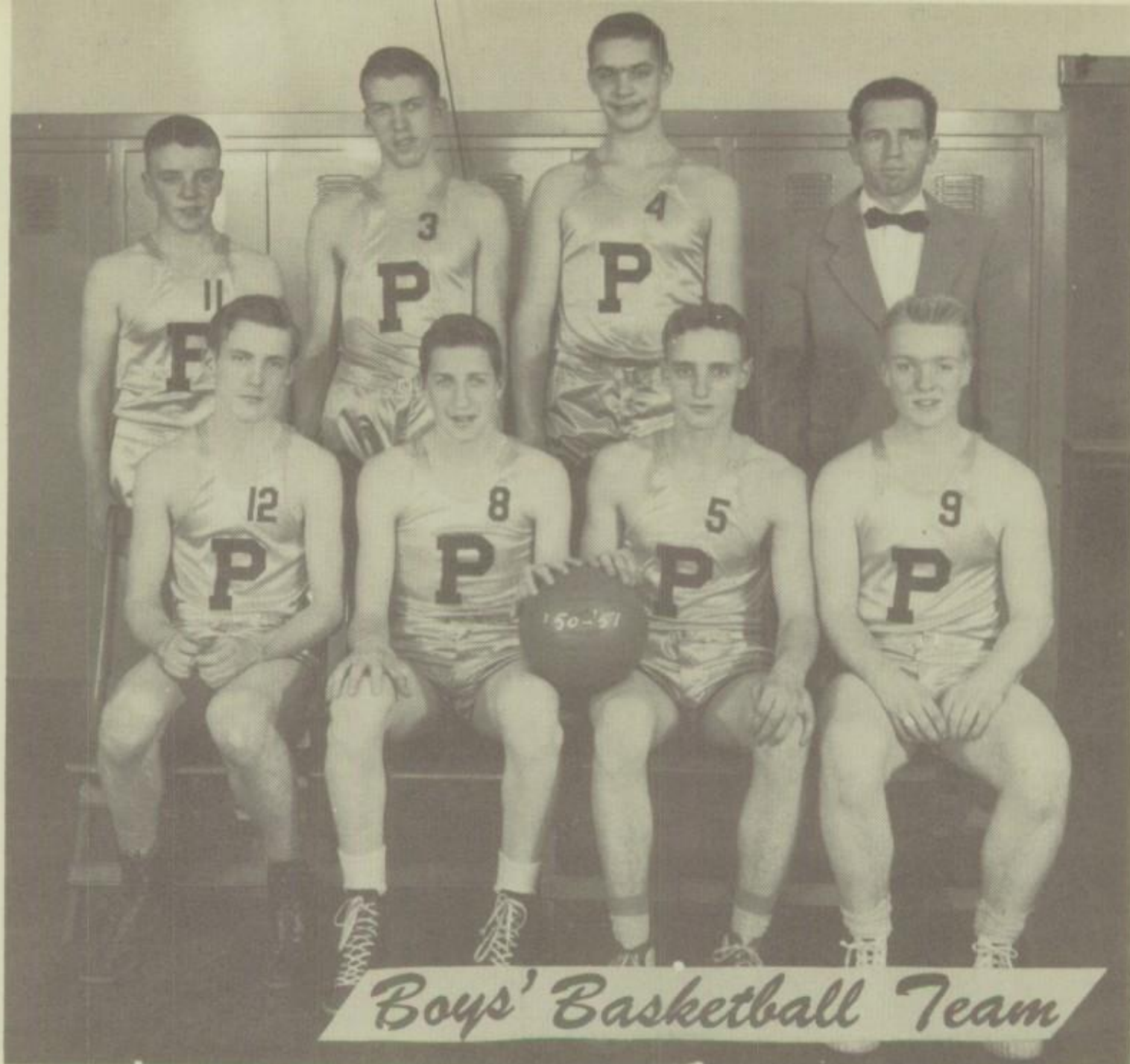
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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: SIDNEY LEGARE, RICHARD COOLEY, DAVID PETTIT, JUDITH CURRIER, VERA PETTIT, ALMA ADAMS, SANDRA BARNES, BARBARA BOUTALL, JAMES RUBY, AND HERMAS SWOPE. MIDDLE ROW: ROBERT CLARK, GILBERT KING, ALICE DOROW, NAN PAULEY, PATRICIA THAYER, ELAINE ELLIOTT, MARGARET MACASKILL, MAUREEN BALDWIN, AND MRS. HALLBERG. BACK ROW: WILLIAM RUBY, RICHARD CLARK, DAVID BUELL, RICHARD BROWN, ARTHUR DOROW, EDWARD BASSETT, FLOYD BALDWIN, ARLAND BARNES, AND CARL ADAMS. ABSENT: LEE CLARK, FRANCES ADAMS, AND SHARON HUTCHINSON.



A T H L E T I C S



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ALDEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT THAYER (CAPTAIN), FREDERICK ELLIOTT, AND LEE CUNNINGHAM. BACK ROW: WAYNE ELLIOTT, ERNEST PHILLIPS, CLARKE JOHNSON, AND MR. ROBBINS. ABSENT: BASIL COOLIDGE, ROBERT RECOS, AND RONALD ADAMS.



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: CAROLYN THAYER, CAROL COOPER, LUCILLE COOLEY, SHIRLEY DOROW (CAPTAIN), NANCY ADAMS, ANN BRYANT, AND MARILEE BURNHAM. BACK ROW: MARJORIE HARPER (CHEERLEADER), CAROLYN DOUTHIT, BEVERLY DOROW, BETTY RUSSELL, MR. ALLEN (COACH), EVA ADAMS, JUDITH COOPER, FRANCES ELLIOTT, AND BARBARA BARNES (CHEERLEADER).

Basketball

Girls' Basketball

The first of November found thirteen girls out for basketball. Mr. Allen, our new commercial teacher, was the girls' coach. Three times a week were set aside for girls' practice. Shirley Dorow, a senior, was again elected captain of the team. Our having the use of the gymnasium again this year made it possible to have home games. This year the girls' team won eleven games and lost only one, to win the championship of the eastern division of the King Philip League.

On February 17 the girls' team met the winner of the western division, Thayer High School, at Turners Falls, to determine the championship of the league. The game was a hard and tiring one, as the teams were not used to playing on a large floor. The game ended in a tie. Thayer High School now has the trophy and will keep it for six months, after which Petersham will have it for six months. So about September we should see the King Philip League championship trophy at P.H.S.

Boys' Basketball

In October the boys started basketball practice in the remodeled gymnasium. Ten boys were chosen to make up the team. Robert Thayer, a junior, was elected captain. Mr. Robbins was the coach.

At the beginning of the season the P.H.S. boys had several scrimmages with the Athol Hi-Y team. These scrimmages proved to be very helpful, not only to the P.H.S. boys but also to the Athol Hi-Y boys.

On Thursday, February 15, having tied with Barre for first place in the eastern division of the King Philip League, the P.H.S. boys went to Ware for the play-off game. After an up-hill fight the P.H.S. boys lost the game by one point.

At the eighth annual Tri-State Tournament, held in Turners Falls, the boys won two games and lost one, to capture second place in the championship division. In the first game they easily defeated Northfield, 45-14. The second game was not so easy, but the P.H.S. boys won 56-48 over Wilmington, Vermont. In the championship game the P.H.S. boys lost to Barre High School, 55-36.

On December 26, the P.H.S. boys' basketball team went to Boston Garden to play Marlboro (New Hampshire) High School. Our boys won by a score of 46-25. Robert Thayer was high scorer, with 11 points. That same night the boys watched the Boston Celtics whip the Syracuse Nationals, 102-100.

Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders this year were Barbara Barnes and Marjorie Harper. Helen Peltonen and Beverly Dorow acted as substitutes.

Summary of the Basketball Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Girls</u> P. O.	<u>Boys</u> P. O.
December 8	Athol Hi-Y	Home	26-14	
December 8	Orange J.V.	Home		54-33
December 15	Powers Institute	Home	55-33	60-27
December 19	Alumni	Home		49-48
December 26	Marlboro, N.H.	Boston Garden		46-25
January 5	New Salem	Away	29-14	48-31
January 9	Powers Institute	Away	31-13	44-25
January 12	Hardwick	Away	37-38	43-31
January 16	Ashby	Home	45-35	64-34
January 19	Barre	Home	44-22	54-50
January 26	Hardwick	Home	37-24	53-33
February 2	Barre	Away	56-44	40-54
February 6	Princeton	Home	38-25	84-40
February 9	New Salem	Home	42-32	67-51
February 13	Athol Hi-Y	Home	41-36	
February 13	Athol J.V.	Home		65-52
February 15	Barre	Ware		59-60
February 17	Thayer	Turners Falls	23-23	
March 9	Northfield	Turners Falls		45-14
March 14	Wilmington, Vt.	Turners Falls		56-48
March 17	Barre	Turners Falls		36-55
Totals			504-353	967-711

In the middle of April the P.H.S. boys started baseball practice. The boys that went out for the team were: James Johnson and Lee Cunningham (infield and pitchers); Alden Phillips (catcher); Robert Thayer, Frederick Elliott, Clarke Johnson and Basil Coolidge (infield); and Ernest Phillips, Wayne Elliott and Clarence Young (outfield).

The season, which began May 8, was short and unsuccessful--the boys played four games and lost all of them.

Summary of 1950 Baseball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>O.</u>
May 8	New Salem	Away	7	13
May 12	Hardwick	Away	2	12
May 23	Hardwick	Here	3	6
June 5	New Salem	Here	7	14
Totals			19	45

Junior Prom



Friendship

Snaps



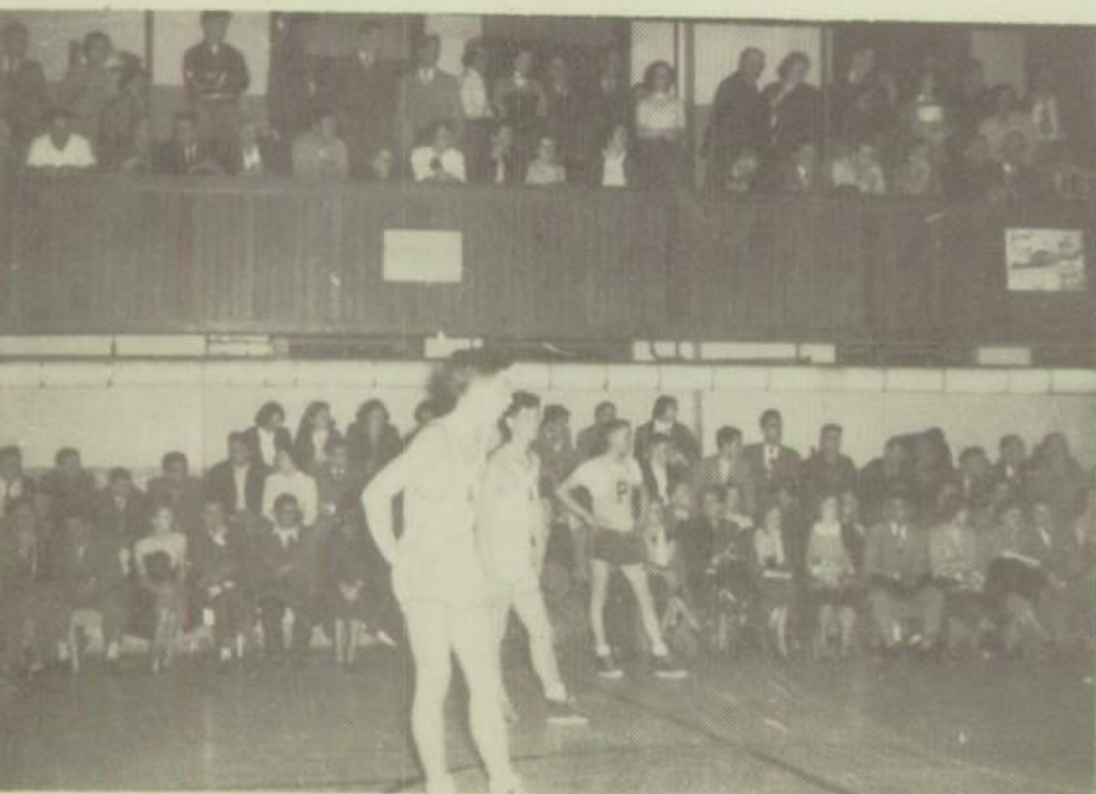
Jump Ball!



Look
who's
here!



Smile,
please!



Orange Tournament



Time
out!



A C T I V I T I E S

Events

MAGAZINE DRIVE

On September 15 the familiar face of Del Obert appeared once again in our school to organize the annual magazine drive. Again this year the drive was conducted by the junior high and high school. It lasted twelve days. The total amount collected was \$655.55, a sum which exceeded our goal of \$620.00. The school's share of that amount was, after the money for the prizes was taken out, \$191.87. The two highest salesmen were Sally Harris, who brought in \$59.90, and Carolyn Thayer, who brought in \$55.55. Special prizes were awarded as follows: to Marjorie Harper for bringing in the most money on the first day, a pen and pencil set; to Fredrik Marsh for bringing in the largest amount of money among the boys, a magic pen knife; and to Carolyn Thayer for bringing in the largest amount of money among the girls, a wallet.

TRIPS

On September 30 some of the members of the fifth to the tenth grades went to Springfield to see the Museum of Natural History. The trip was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Babbitt. Transportation was provided by Reid's and Davenport's busses. The trip was paid for by anonymous contributions. On September 30 nine members of the junior and senior classes went to Amherst to visit the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Robbins and Mr. Bagley supplied the transportation. It was High School Guest Day and students attended from all parts of Massachusetts and from other states as well. On November 3 most of the high school students attended the play Much Ado About Nothing at Clark University, presented by the Clark University Players. Reid's bus provided the transportation.

GYMNASIUM

On returning to school in September we were very glad to find our remodeled gymnasium ready for use. It was remodeled last year. The ceiling had been raised, a raised platform for the bleachers had been made, a new heating system had been put in, and new lights had been installed. The town is going to purchase some new bleachers for us of a type that can readily be dismantled. This remodeled gymnasium has made a big improvement in our school.

HILLTOP NEWS

The Freshman and Sophomore Classes again this year have had the privilege of putting out the school newspaper. It has come out about once every two weeks. The writing for the paper has been done almost entirely voluntarily. Mr. Allen's typing classes have cut the stencils, run them off on the mimeograph, and put the pages together. A copy of each issue has been sent to neighboring schools, including Barre, Hardwick, New Salem, and Athol. In return some of those schools sent copies of their papers to us.

Picnic



Hm m-m-m!



How is the scenery?

Snaps



Hiding, huh?



Cheesecake (?)



How's the water?



Gruesome Twosome (?)



The gang's all here!



Big Chief



H O N O R S

HONORS AND AWARDS

1950 EXHIBITION

At the annual exhibition of school work held last year on June 5 the following awards were made.

1. For outstanding work on the school newspaper:
 - (a) To Nancy Adams, a certificate and a pin.
 - (b) To Judith Bates, a certificate.
 - (c) To Elizabeth Gunter, a certificate.
2. For achievement in art in the Humane Poster Contest, sponsored by the Massachusetts S.P.C.A.:
 - (a) To Vera Varney, a silver medal.
 - (b) To Elizabeth Gunter, a bronze medal.

1950 GRADUATION

At the graduation exercises held last year on June 21 the following awards were made.

1. For achievement in scholarship in the College Preparatory Course Constance Barnes was awarded \$25.00, contributed by the Petersham Village Improvement Society.
2. For showing the greatest improvement in English, James Johnson was awarded \$5.00, contributed anonymously.
3. For outstanding citizenship Constance Barnes was given a certificate and a medal, contributed by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
4. For outstanding ability in spelling, the following were given awards contributed by the Merriam Dictionary Company:
 - (a) To Sally Harris, a gold award.
 - (b) To George Recos, a silver award.
 - (c) To Flora Fisher, a bronze award.
 - (d) To Frances Upham, a certificate for winning the junior high spelling bee.
5. As class valedictorian Constance Barnes was given a year's subscription to Reader's Digest, contributed by the publishers of the magazine.

1950 BASEBALL LETTERS

The following members of the 1950 baseball team were awarded baseball letters: Basil Coolidge, Lee Cunningham, Frederick Elliott, Wayne Elliott, Clarke Johnson, James Johnson, Alden Phillips, Ernest Phillips, Robert Thayer, and Clarence Young.

1950-'51 AWARDS

1. The leaders in this year's annual magazine drive were Sally Harris (first) and Carolyn Thayer (second).
2. The winner of this year's good citizenship award, including a trip to Boston, was Marjorie Harper.
3. On March 31 some of the parents and friends of the basketball teams held in the town hall a testimonial dinner at which the members of the teams were guests of honor. The coaches, Mr. Allen and Mr. Robbins, gave out basketball awards at the dinner.

The following members of the girls' team received letters: Nancy Adams, Ann Bryant, Lucille Cooley, Carol Cooper, Beverly Dorow, Shirley Dorow, and Carolyn Thayer. Letters were given also to the two cheerleaders, Barbara Barnes and Marjorie Harper.

Every member of the team and the cheerleaders received a miniature trophy, or "Oscar". Following are the members of the team that have not already been mentioned: Eva Adams, Marilee Burnham, Judith Cooper, Carolyn Douthit, Frances Elliott, and Betty Russell. The team itself had already earned the right to share with Thayer Academy the trophy for the championship of the King Philip League.

The following members of the boys' team received letters: Basil Coolidge, Lee Cunningham, Frederick Elliott, Clarke Johnson, Robert Thayer, Alden Phillips, and Ernest Phillips. In addition every member of the team received a miniature trophy and a certificate, the latter being awarded as a token of participation in the Tri-State Small Schools Basketball Tournament. Members of the team not already mentioned were Ronald Adams, Wayne Elliott, and Robert Recos. The team had already been awarded a trophy for having been runner-up in the tournament.

THAT ANCIENT THING

"But Mom, I just can't go to the dance in that ancient thing," wailed Sally.

"Well," replied Mrs. Banter, "you accepted Jim's invitation, so you'll just have to go in that 'ancient thing', as you call it, or not go at all."

Sally turned and ran to her room in tears. It just wasn't fair. No one should expect her to go to the dance of the year in a thing like that. The fact that it was royal purple and robin red was bad enough, but lately the only way to get into it was by crawling in through the bottom on your hands and knees, slowly straightening up and then simply squirming around until everything was in place. Oh sure, it was all right if you were going just anywhere with the gang, because they never minded little things like that. It didn't matter then that you had to practically hold it together, so it wouldn't fall apart at the seams. But gee whiz, thought Sally, the least Jim could have done was to borrow a decent car to take her to the dance, instead of using that ancient thing.

Marjorie Harper '51

OPERATION HOPE CHEST

Girls, I have a problem. Undoubtedly most of my female readers have been faced with it. The problem is that of mothers and their queer fixation concerning hope chests. Sound familiar? (Personally, I've never understood why the minute some mother is blessed with a baby girl she starts looking over the eligible young men.) You understand, I have nothing specific against hope chests themselves; it's what they stand for that bothers me. I guess I'm just not the "pot-holder" type. I'm assuming as I continue this that I have the interest and sympathy of a major part of my readers.

I decided on this particular subject mainly to be informative to

the younger set (ages six months to sixteen years). You see, dear reader, mothers' campaigns may be successfully combated if the proper techniques are employed. You ask for proof? I'm proud to say that I have an empty--or at least sparsely filled--hope chest!

There are several approaches that you must always be on the lookout for. They won't necessarily come in the order I present them, but they will be none-the-less vicious. One of the first attacks I can remember came when I was quite young and is the type that may be repeated at frequent intervals. It can be very effective and when it is, it is one of the most frustrating of all. It is very simple. Mother will go on a colossal shopping tour, promising to bring something she knows you want. It will make little difference whether you're at the age when you like lollipops or at the age when you fancy something new in lipstick, it will be no less maddening to be presented with a half-dozen packages of attractive, useful dish cloths! "I simply couldn't pass up the opportunity, dear. There was a sale. Two for the price of one." This will be her excuse. You, naturally, can't tell your loving parent what you actually think. No! On the contrary, always accept the situation with grace! Her intentions were undoubtedly fine and honorable. I'm sorry, but I must tell you that the only way you can keep this from changing the empty status of your hope chest is to quietly give them away. I must also state that you have to be slightly sneaky to put this across. For instance, to fifth cousin, twice removed, Hattie, who lives in Brazil, for a wedding present. This is the only successful method of disposal.

The next approach is indirect, but fully as troublesome. It starts when some long-lost relative puts in a welcome (?) appearance. After being on the scene for five minutes she will fall madly in love with the darling daughter of the family and will start promising her life away. (The first protective measure is fairly obvious--whenever possible make it a point to have male long-lost relatives.) On your guard, girls! Soon will come the question, "What would you like most for your next birthday, dearie?" If you're not "fast on the draw", your loving mother will come forward with some of her most thrilling suggestions. "She'd love one of your lovely, hand-made doilies," is one likely example. "Such things come in so handy to a girl later on, you know." (I always make it a point to worry about the present, myself.) The best possible way to take care of this is to have a long and detailed list of things you really do want. Always carry it on your person! True you have only one birthday a year, but there's always Christmas.

Another attack may come in a most distasteful manner. One day some friendly person will suggest that your mother join her for an excursion to a cloth mill or remnant shop which lurks nearby. Mother will go and will later come bustling home with scads of enthusiasm, plus a quantity of materials and ideas for little odds and ends for the hope chest. "Come with me to the sewing machine," will be her constant refrain for the next few days. The only thing you can do is to have a conveniently full schedule. "A lot of homework"; "I promised Sue I'd come over and help her paint the house"--any simple little excuse of that type will suffice. Slowly, but surely she will lose her interest too.

I realize I haven't covered the entire situation, but I do hope I've made some of these things clearer. If you have had this same trouble, I hope my solutions will be useful to you. If not--congratulations!

June Legare '51

ON LEARNING TO DRIVE

So you are sixteen and want to be able to drive a car and have a license! Well, my dear fellow female, do you know what you're getting into? In order to save you from going completely berserk while learning to drive a car, I present the following essay.

Finding the right teacher is your first problem. Always pick someone who knows how to drive and has a license, but never, never pick your father! In two weeks (or less, depending on how strong his constitution is and how long his patience will last) he will be raving mad and you won't be any closer to getting your license. I know, because my father taught me. Though I did get my license, he is now residing at one of the better asylums. It seems he went crazy as a result of banging his head on the dashboard every time I did something wrong at a crucial moment.

The rule book is another important item that you must have as a beginner and that you must keep with you and learn. These little books may be obtained at the nearest police station without any trouble--unless you happen to have a record, of course. But now I have a word of advice: go into the station alone and do not take with you a friend who has a license. If you do, you are likely to be there for hours while the policeman asks your friend many questions to find out just how well he (or she) can drive. He will also add the usual words of advice.

Now that you have a teacher and a rule book, find a car and hop in. If you have planned well your car will have four wheels, a motor, and various other things a car ought to have. You get in--on the driver's side, naturally. No, not in back--in front!

After four or five days of lessons, while your teacher has been explaining to you how to start the car and shift gears and you have simply been sitting there with a dumb look on your face, finally it will all sink in and you will be ready to take off. At first, of course, you will be driving only on back roads because, after all, you can't be permitted to cause complete bedlam on the highways just yet.

Though you probably are ready to forget the whole thing at this point--don't! You really are progressing a little, though not much. Right now your main object is to remember what you have been told three hundred times. You have been told how to start your car and how to shift--please remember these fundamentals! They may prove to be very important to you as you go along. Of course, if you are a normal human being, you are bound to forget once in a while, but try to cover up your mistakes as they are likely to irritate your teacher and make him feel terribly frustrated!

One thing you must remember is to slow down before you come to the corner that you are going to turn, or the place where you are going to stop. Do not slam on your brakes at the last moment when you desire to stop--you are likely to throw your teacher through the windshield, and that might be extremely messy!

While you are driving, always signal before you turn or stop. These signals are very important and must be learned well. Do not get them confused, or you will be signaling for a left turn and

turning right, and other such mistakes. This could cause some accidents, and is sure to cause bad feeling and profane language among your fellow drivers--all directed toward you, of course!

Something that is hard to achieve, and is most likely to drive your teacher insane, is turning around, especially on a narrow road. You must be awfully careful while doing this, or your bumpers will become horribly scratched and mangled. It would be much simpler to find a driveway into which you could turn, but that would not be at all sporting. No, you must pick a narrow road with high curbs on both sides (or ditches, if you prefer) and go about your turning, doing as little damage as possible. Once started turning around, be sure to do it fast, and above all don't stall your car in the middle of the road as a dear friend of mine once did. Such a happening could easily (and usually does) create a mild traffic jam.

When stopping and starting on a hill, be sure to put your emergency brake on. Do not let your teacher convince you that you don't need the brake. Without it you will be forever rolling down hills--backwards!

I don't know as I have discussed all the things you should learn while taking driving lessons, but now I shall skip to the day when you go for your license. I'm assuming that you haven't given up in desperation before now and are willing to see this thing through.

As your teacher is undoubtedly a nervous wreck by now, you may have to get someone else to accompany you. You probably know all the rules now--quite well, in fact--but I'm willing to bet that you will become a gibbering idiot when the inspector asks you three of them. (Thank goodness they make allowances for gibbering idiots or I'd undoubtedly still be walking.) Try to answer the questions as sanely as possible, but if you can't, be sure to know at least your own name and address.

After putting the questions to you and finding out whether you are blind or not, you and the poor unsuspecting inspector and the teacher will go out to the car. Now please don't get so excited that you forget which car is yours--that might count against you! If your car is locked, take time to unlock it before trying to get in. Finally, after twenty minutes of complete chaos, you are settled and ready to take your driving test. First you will be taken around the back roads of the town, being made to stop at all stop signs, signal, stop on a hill, and turn on a narrow road. Then you will go back through the main part of town--if you are still able to navigate! When you know that you are headed back to your starting point, you probably will breathe a sigh of relief. Well, the worst is yet to come. Your friend, the inspector, who hasn't said much, but has just sat there with a look of fear stamped upon his face, asks you to park your vehicle. Things then become very confused, especially since you have never parked a car before. After scraping the fenders beyond repair, you finally come to a stop. All is complete silence for a while; then with a groan the inspector climbs shakily out of the car. Again silence reigns. Then the inspector hands you a little pink slip. Hooray! You've made it! And the inspector will say as he leaves you: "There, that wasn't so bad after all, was it?"

THE NEWS STORY

The story made the headlines of all the city papers and took up a great deal of room on the sports pages. The Toledo Tigers had traded Ken Evans, who was one of the best defensive hockey players in the league, to the Columbus Cubs! The Tigers had received two young wingmen on whom they had had good reports and whom they believed would become high scorers. The Toledo fans had not liked the trade because Evans was one of their favorite players. But it had said in the papers that the Tigers thought Evans was getting too old to play the rough type of hockey that the Tigers played. On the other hand, Columbus was very glad to get Evans because their team was made up entirely of young players, who had not yet come into their best playing form. And the Cubs manager thought that having the older and more experienced Evans on the team with his young players would give his team the boost that it needed.

When Ken Evans reported at the rink where the Cubs played, he felt cold, hurt, and slightly angry to think that the Tigers should have traded him after so many years of service. But the fact that they had let him go to such a low-standing team left in him a hollow, helpless feeling. Ken knew that the young players on this new team would look up to him for help and leadership. But he did not know how he would like playing for this team, or just how much help he would be to it. He had thought that he might retire from the game. But then he had thought that the Cubs must have really wanted him if they had let two of their best players go to get him. So he had decided to give this new team a try at least.

Ken entered the Cubs rink. He was surprised to find that there had been much remodeling in it since he had last played there as a member of the Tigers team. There were new seats, refreshment stands, a new scoreboard, and the players' dressing rooms had been made modern--more modern, Ken was happy to see, than even the Tigers dressing rooms.

Ken saw that the stands were rapidly filling with fans. He looked up at the clock on the scoreboard and saw that it was time for him to get dressed for the night's game. As he started down the runway which led to the Cubs dressing room, many of the fans recognized him and shouted words of encouragement and praise to him. This pleased him even more than the hearty greetings he received from the Cubs manager and the players when he entered the dressing room. He decided he liked everything about this new team, and a few minutes later when he had finished getting into his new Cubs uniform and had gone onto the ice, he was determined to help his new club get up in the league.

As it happened the Cubs were to play the Tigers that night! The teams lined up for the start of the game. Ken started in the game at left defense for the Cubs, and his all-but-inspired play led his team to hold the Tigers at bay for the first period. Though Mitchell, the goalie for the Cubs, had to make several good saves, the period ended with the score nothing to nothing. In the second period a fast Tigers wingman got past Ken, who missed a body check on the man, and while the Cubs fans groaned, the wingman skated in on Mitchell and fired a blistering shot. But Mitchell made a spectacular save and threw the puck aside where Ken picked it up and fed a Cubs wingman a pretty pass and the player skated in on the Tigers goalie, shot, and scored! In the third period the Cubs scored twice more, with Ken

getting one of the goals. The Cubs won, 3 to 0.

After the game Mitchell came up to Ken and thanked him for the defensive help. Ken answered by saying, "I was glad you were back of me, kid!"

It was a very good story that the newspapers had to tell the next day.

Ernest Phillips '51

A DOG'S LIFE

Many dogs have miserable lives. They are always "in the dog house" for one reason or another. They never have clean water--something which is very important to a dog. They are not allowed in their master's house and they can never run loose. But I, thank heaven, do not fall in that category. I believe I am the happiest dog in the world.

My name is Brownie, and I live in the little town of Ipswich, Massachusetts. There are four people where I live--Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their two daughters, Carol and Sally. I really am Carol's dog but no one ever thinks of that. My favorite is Mr. Jones. He always will play with me and we have wonderful times together. I love to go for walks with him.

Next to Mr. Jones (Fred is his name) I like my blue ball best. This ball has a little bell in it and I love the sound that it makes. It's a rubber ball and it is very good for my teeth to play with it. My family is always teasing me because that ball is forever in my mouth. I don't take it outdoors by myself because the dog next door would take it. But once in a while someone will go out with me and throw it. That I love very much. I will never stop till they tell me, "That's all!" I would play till I dropped if they would let me.

I have the run of the whole house. I used to sleep on the sofa but they put folding chairs there and broke me of that habit. Now my favorite sleeping place is in Sally's room. I like it because she has scatter rugs and I can make a nice bed for myself. The window is always open and I get plenty of fresh air--something I like very much. Another thing that I like about that room is that in the morning, when I want to go outdoors, Sally will always wake up cheerfully and let me out. All I have to do is stand by her bed, which is a cot, and wag my tail. Sometimes if she is very sleepy I have to lick her face. She never minds that or the fact that the house is cold. I guess she loves me a lot.

One of the things that I love very, very much is my freedom. I have two big fields and a lawn to run and play on. I can go all over the woods and roads too, as long as someone is with me.

Yes, now that I think of it, I am surely the happiest dog in the world. After all, look at all the things I have to make me happy.

Judy Cooper '54

GENUINE HAUNTED HOUSE

All my trouble really began many years ago, but it started to come to a head two weeks ago with the arrival of Sticky. Sticky may seem a funny name for a little boy, but I called him that because of the way he looked when I first saw him. It was just twilight when he wandered up to my back door, exactly two weeks ago today. I happened to look out the window and there he was. At first I thought he must have been caught in the rain, for he looked quite wet. Then I looked again and to my amazement discovered he wasn't covered with water, but with molasses. I asked him in and when he came in, I looked at him more closely. At some time in his life he must have been a very cute little boy, but now he was thin and a livid white in color. One strand of black hair fell down in his eyes. Then I looked at his clothes; there was something odd about them. At first I couldn't make out what it was. Then I realized they weren't like the clothes people wear in these times, but like the clothes people wore many years ago. Suddenly it dawned on me that he was a ghost! Yes, after I had been without friends for one hundred and fifty years, another ghost had finally come to keep me company!

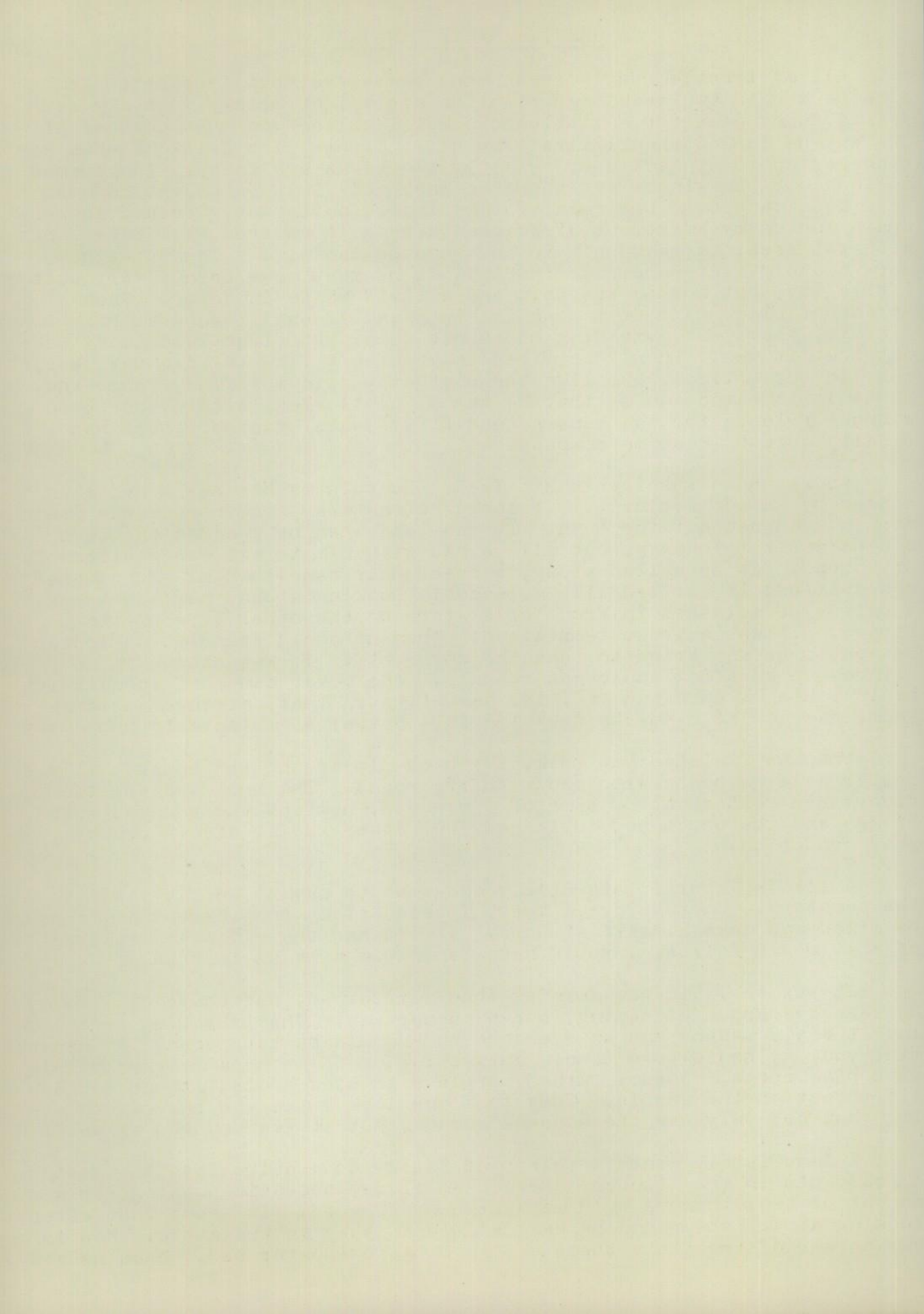
We sat down together and talked. He told me his death had been caused by an odd accident. It seems he ran away from home early one morning and set out for town. It was late when he reached the town and he was very hungry, but all he had with him to eat was a piece of dry bread. As he walked along, a sweet odor came to him. He stopped and sniffed; it smelled like molasses. Looking around he discovered a barrel of molasses in front of a store on the other side of the street. It was a great temptation. When he could stand it no longer he went over and tried to take the cover off. It was stuck; so he climbed up on a box and began to pull. The cover came off so quickly he lost his balance and fell in, head first. That, strange as it may seem, was how he died--by drowning in a barrel of molasses!

When we finished our talk, I showed him around the house. It was rather a large house with about thirty rooms. The roof leaked, the floors had rotted out of some of the rooms, half of the windows were broken and the porch had collapsed, but otherwise it was in pretty good condition.

A little later I left Sticky and went to pay my weekly visit to the cemetery. Just before I left, I told Sticky to pick out any room he liked and make himself at home. If I'd had the slightest inkling of what would follow, I would have taken him with me instead.

It was early in the morning when I returned, but there outside my house was a group of gaping, bug-eyed mortals. The imbeciles were saying it was a menace and an eye-sore and should be torn down. My house, mind you, my house torn down! Just thinking of it made me turn purple with pink spots. When I turned purple with pink spots, it had a drastic effect on the people. They took one look at me and ran off shouting that not only was the house a menace, but it was haunted as well!

I immediately went in search of Sticky to inquire into the matter. I found him in the kitchen. He looked at me, but said nothing for a moment or two; then he told me what had happened. It seems that after looking at all the rooms he had decided to stay in the attic. Now in the corner of the attic there was an old four-poster bed. When he saw



it, it gave him an idea for a game he could play until I returned. He would start running from the far end of the attic, then jump on the bed and see how high he could bounce. About the tenth time he did this the bed suddenly went through the floor, down through the third floor, and on until it reached the cellar. On its way down the bed had weakened the supports in that side of the house so much that it was sagging at a very dangerous angle. Most of the people in the neighborhood had heard the noise and had come to see what had happened. Some of the braver ones had investigated. Finally they had decided to go to the mayor and demand that the house be torn down before someone got hurt.

It was late in the afternoon before I thought of a definite plan of action. I waited until almost midnight and then left to pay a visit to the mayor. As I recall, I had up to that time seen the mayor only once, but that was enough. He looked about seven feet tall and couldn't have weighed more than one hundred and thirty pounds. One peculiar thing about him was his cigar. I learned later that he has them made special. They are extremely long, black stogies.

It was one minute of twelve when I floated in the mayor's bedroom window. I sat on the edge of his bed and made a moan sufficient to wake him up. As he opened his eyes, I turned my weirdest shade of purple and pink so he could see me quite plainly. He sat there and stared; then his hair stood on end and his eyes popped out. All in all he looked worse than I did. I stated my business and told him if he didn't save my house I would haunt him for the rest of his days, such as they were.

The next morning Sticky and I sat in dejected silence trying to think of a place to move to if the mayor did not keep his word.

About three in the afternoon a truck drove into the yard. Two men got out and put up some new supports to brace the house. In front of the house they put up a sign that read, "Genuine Haunted House," printed in big, ghoulish, red letters.

After that Sticky and I had a home for as long as we wanted--that is as long as we appeared in full color on the porch once a month. That was to keep the people from thinking the mayor was crazy.

Marjorie Harper '51

HOT ROD

Heah ah wuz goin' ninety-six
When alla sudden ah feels sick.
Ah gets a shiver up mah spine
When ah sees a cruiser way behind.
De road looked narrer an mighty crook'd,
Specially when ah thought how ah'd be booked.
If he caught me in the race,
Ah could never show mah face.
A '50 Ford cain't ketch mah car!
Ah've raced 'im sixty miles, so far.
He'll never ketch me, you kin bet,
'Cause mah second carburetor ain't even wet!

Robert Recos '54

ODE TO UNDERCLASSMEN

We wish to pass on some good advice
In order to make your school days nice.
When a freshman, you must do
Just what everyone tells you to.
When a sophomore, you're much brighter,
And you take your orders lighter.
Now a junior—oh what fun!
A lot less work is being done.
Next a senior, which is a "big deal"—
Though that isn't how the teachers feel.
Before taking this advice you'd best remember
We've been in reform school since last December!

Carol Cooper '51
Sally Harris '51

GRADUATION DAY

When first I heard of Graduation Day
It seemed to be far, far away.
I passed each grade, year by year,
And before I realized it, the day was here.

After Graduation Day
I'll go to work—no more play.
I'll leave the school I liked so well
(Though I also liked the ending bell).

I'll leave my friends and classmates too,
To start a life, strange and new.
The fun I had will always stay
In my memory after Graduation Day.

Frederick Elliott '51

THE APPROACH OF WINTER

The nights are getting colder;
The leaves are turning red.
The days are getting shorter;
The trees look like they're dead.

The birds begin to leave;
The winds begin to blow.
The water starts to freeze;
The air is filled with snow.

The winter sports'll soon be here again,
With cold and stormy days.
All in all we'll love it though,
If in this beautiful country we can stay.

Frederick Elliott '51



Barbara in command



Smile pretty!



Why the frown, Mr Olson?



Hold that pose!



Pals



Mr. Mischief

Snap



Playground



Lucille and her protector



OK, snap it!



Our principal



Junior Misses



Motorcycle Annie



Carol and (?)

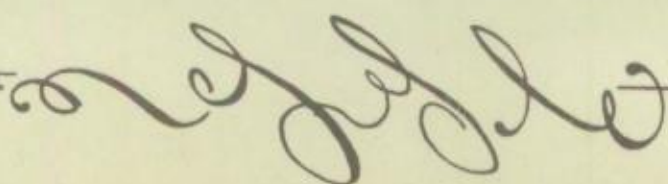


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S O N G H I T S

Lucille Cooley	"He's in the Army Now"
Carol Cooper	"No One But You"
Shirley Dorow	"C'est la Vie"
Frederick Elliott	"Jersey Bounce" (Or do we mean <u>Guernsey</u> ?)
Marjorie Harper	"Just One of Those Things"
Sally Harris	"How High the Moon"
June Legare	"Do I Worry?"
Barbara Merritt	"One of the Roving Kind"
Ernest Phillips	"Me and My Imagination"
Nancy Adams	"I'll Always Love You"
Ann Bryant	"She's a Lady"
Basil Coolidge	"There's More Pretty Girls Than One"
Alden Phillips	"Just Say I Love Her"
Carolyn Thayer	"I'm in Love with Someone"
Robert Thayer	"Life Is So Peculiar"
Ann Yonker	"I Love the Way You Say Good-Night"
Eva Adams	"If"
Barbara Barnes	"Honeybun"
Marilee Burnham	"I Still Feel the Same About You"
Marilyn Edwards	"Homework"
William Hood	"I'm Bashful"
Clarke Johnson	"Can't We Talk It Over?"
Betty Russell	"Thinking of You"
Judy Cooper	"Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes"
Lee Cunningham	"Easy to Love"
Carolyn Douthit	"Lucky, Lucky, Lucky Me"
Wayne Elliott	"Little Man You've Had a Busy Day"
Charlie Perkins	"I Don't Care If the Sun Don't Shine"
Clyde Perkins	"Smile, Smile, Smile"
Robert Recos	"Never Been Kissed"
Freshmen (from the seniors)	"My Heart Cries for You"
Sophomores	"I'm in the Middle of a Riddle"
Juniors (to the seniors)	"Let Me In"
Seniors	"So Long"
Mr. Robbins	"I Ain't Gonna Take It Sittin' Down"
Mr. Bagley	"Am I Wasting My Time on You?"
Mr. Olson	"Gone Fishin'"
Mr. Wheeler	"Sing, Everyone, Sing"
Miss Amsden	"Once Upon a Nickel"
Mrs. Phillips	"The Navy Gets the Gravy, But We Get the Beans"
Mr. Allen	"Take a Letter, Miss Smith"

Sally Harris '51
June Legare '51



Who's Who

	<u>GIRL</u>	<u>BOY</u>
Best Looking	Carolyn Thayer	Robert Thayer
Best Athlete	Shirley Dorow	Robert Thayer
School Giggler	Barbara Barnes	Robert Recos
Most Studious	Carolyn Douthit	Basil Coolidge
Most Excitable	Barbara Merritt	Alden Phillips
Best Natured	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Most Happy-Go-Lucky	Barbara Barnes	Clarence Young
Most Likely to Succeed	Ann Bryant	Basil Coolidge
Wittiest	June Legare	Robert Thayer
Sharpest Dresser	Ann Bryant	Lee Cunningham
Most Talkative	Carolyn Douthit	Clarke Johnson
Cutest	Marilee Burnham	Robert Recos
Most Flirtatious	Eva Adams	Frederick Elliott
Most Popular	Carol Cooper	Robert Thayer
Personality Kid	Carol Cooper	Robert Thayer
Best Actor	<hr/>	Clarke Johnson
Best Actress	Marjorie Harper	<hr/>
Most Versatile	Carol Cooper	Basil Coolidge
Most Reserved	Betty Russell	Ernest Phillips
Most Friendly	Nancy Adams	Robert Thayer
Most Courteous	Nancy Adams	Basil Coolidge
Most Ambitious	Barbara Merritt	Basil Coolidge
Most Mischievous	Barbara Barnes	Robert Recos
Nicest Smile	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Most Reliable	Ann Bryant	Lee Cunningham

Statistics

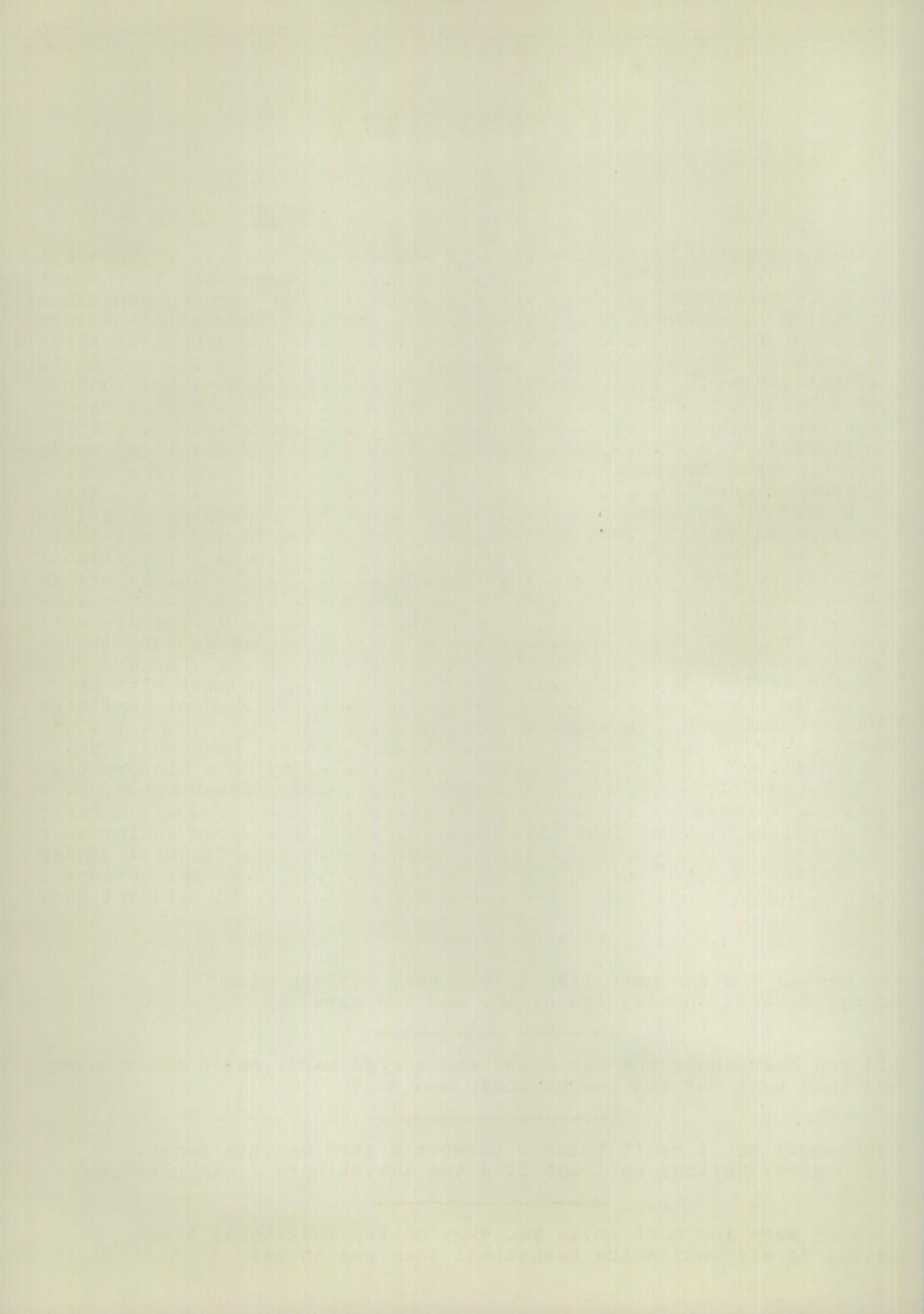
<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIKES</u>	<u>DISLIKES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WILL BE</u>
Lucille Cooley	"Vacationland"	Waiting for letters	Friendly	Homemaker
Carol Cooper	Who do you think?	The humor editors(?)	Talented	Wife
Shirley Dorow	Biology	U.S. History	Lively	Salesgirl
Frederick Elliott	Think again	Being tardy(?)	Puzzling	Casanova
Marjorie Harper	Orange blossoms	Speed tests	Starry-eyed	Housewife
Sally Harris	??????????????	To be teased about boys	Attractive	Graduated
June Legare	" "	Movies with happy endings	Gay	Nurse
Barbara Merritt	To sell advertising	Shorthand	Ambitious	Receptionist
Ernest Phillips	Fried clams	School	Reserved	Serviceman
Nancy Adams	Nichewaug	The draft	Loyal	Housewife
Ann Bryant	To knit	Physics	Sensible	Nurse
Basil Coolidge	Brunettes	Writing up experiments	Likable	Collegiate
Alden Phillips	To argue	Theater ushers	Alloof	Marine
Carolyn Thayer	Holy Cross	Physics too	Pretty	Co-ed
Robert Thayer	Boston shows	Girls (Ha!)	Nice-looking	Man-about-town
Ann Yonker	Engagement rings	Quiet town meetings	Happy-go-lucky	Engaged
Eva Adams	Barre boys	Foods class	Artistic	Designer
Barbara Barnes	Cheerleading	Old cheers	Efficient	Nurse
Marilee Burnham	An alumnus	C's	Cute	Married
Marilyn Edwards	Radio	P.H.S. boys	Calm	Housewife
William Hood	Fishing	Nothing very much	Quiet	Farmer
Clarke Johnson	Sports	Referees	Athletic	Basketball star
Betty Russell	Ronnie	English compositions	Ladylike	Secretary
Judy Cooper	A's in biology	Public speaking	Domestic	Nurse
Lee Cunningham	Everything	Nothing	Swell	Something
Carolyn Douthit	To study	Being called a midget	Petite	Teacher
Wayne Elliott	To peddle milk	Low scoring	Chummy	Basketball star
Charlie Perkins	A Templeton girl	Behaving	Flirtatious	Farmer
Clyde Perkins	To read	Work	Jovial	Farmer
Robert Recos	Art	Cows	Impish	Sailor

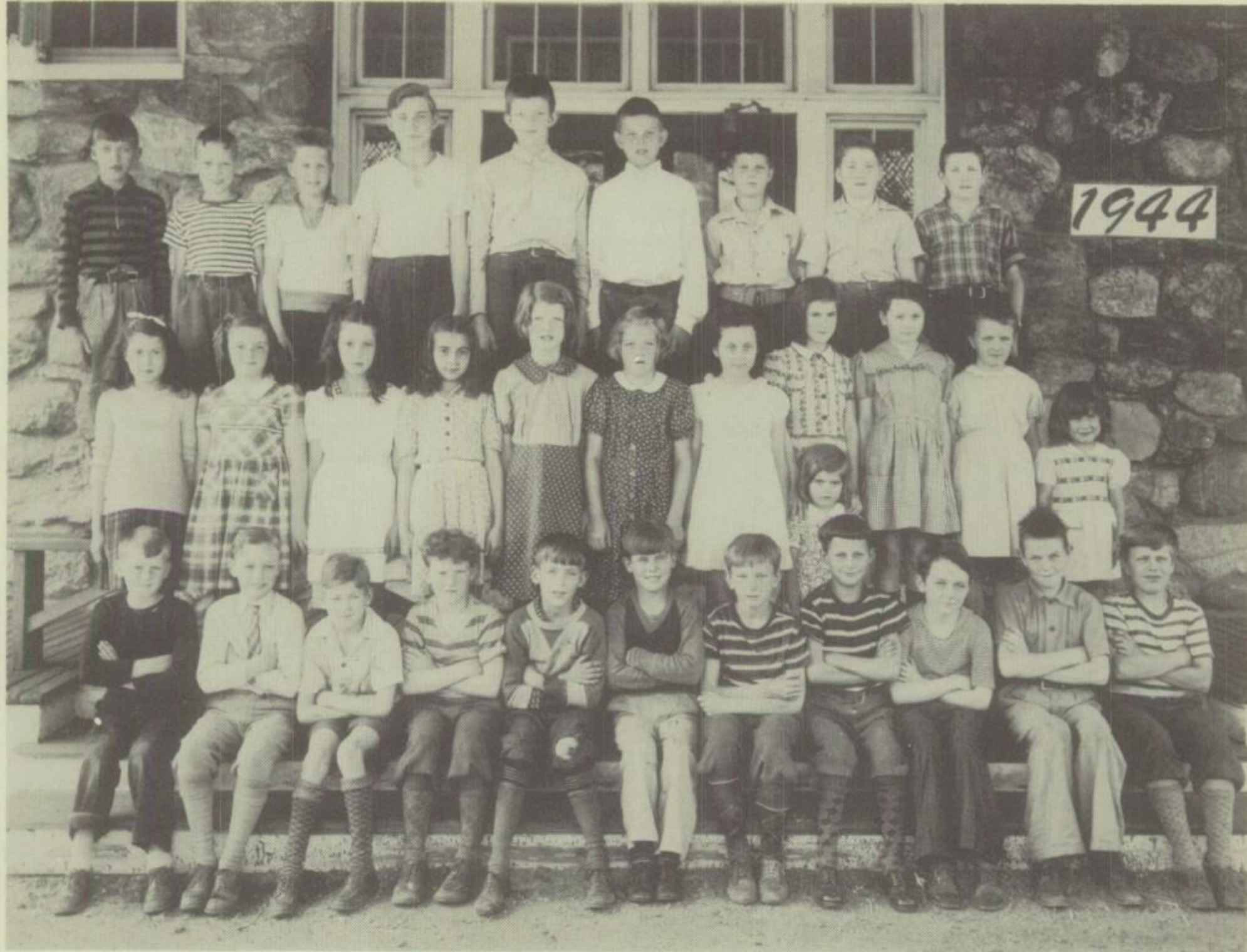
REMINDS US OF

"It Happens Every Spring"	Baseball
"Never a Dull Moment"	Basketball tournament
"Train to Tombstone"	The morning schoolbus
"Operation Disaster"	Physical education periods
"Watch the Birdie"	School pictures
"Tomorrow's a Wonderful Day"	June 22
"Our Daily Bread"	Hot lunches
"Let's Dance"	School dances
"Experiment Alcatraz"	School
"Convicted"	The first grade
"For Them That Trespass"	The office
"A Paper Gallows"	Tests
"It's Hard To Be Good"	Week preceding vacations
"The Victors and the Vanquished"	The students and the faculty
"Hoboes in Paradise"	Alumni
"Frontier Outpost"	Petersham
"Summer Stock"	Cattle show
"The Savage Horde"	The students
"Noah's Ark"	The schoolhouse
"Vigilantes Hideout"	Furnace room
"One Too Many"	Games with Barre
"Invisible Enemy"	School committee
"The 13th Letter"	M
"Fancy Pants"	Boys' basketball suits
"Buried Alive"	Day of a history test
"Frightened City"	Washington, D.C.
"Death of a Dream"	Barre
"The Happiest Days of Your Life"	Your senior year
"Souvenir"	Testimonial dinner
"Hit Parade of 1951"	School orchestra
"Chain Gang"	The student body

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Doctor: Were you hurt while you were on the basketball team?
Basil: No sir--while the basketball team was on me!





FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: BASIL COOLIDGE, FREDERICK ELLIOTT, MALCOLM RICHARDS, ROBERT BOUTELL, ALDEN PHILLIPS, PETER BURDETTE, THEODORE THISTLE, SIDNEY HARRIS, ARTHUR WHITTER, DORRANCE COOLEY, AND MICHAEL PISARSKI. MIDDLE ROW: CAROLYN THAYER, ANN YONKER, ANN BRYANT, BARBARA MERRITT, SHIRLEY DOROW, MARILYN EDWARDS, MARJORIE HARPER, VERA VARNEY, ALICE VARNEY, LUCILLE COOLEY, NANCY ADAMS, AND NANCY BURDETTE. BACK ROW: ERNEST PHILLIPS, GEORGE RECOS, ROBERT THAYER, STANLEY CURTIS, KENNETH DOROW, LORIN DOROW, JAMES JOHNSON, RICHARD BOUTELL, AND NORMAN RICHARDS.



These are students?



You don't say!



Underclass men



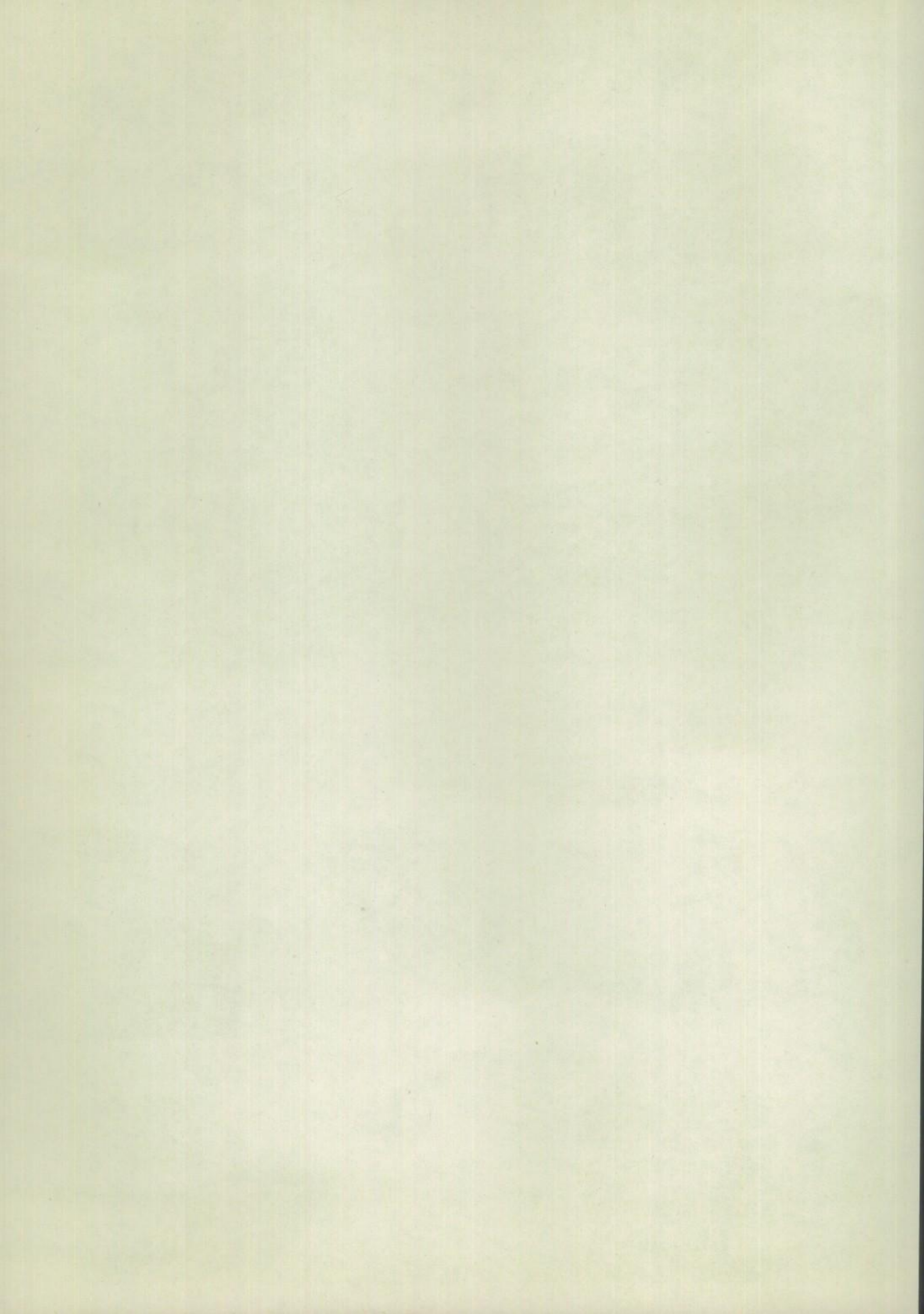
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Mr. Allen

Hello again!





A L U M N I

Class of 1945

James Barnes is attending Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.
Florence May (Cooley) Avery is managing the Highland Beauty Salon in Barre. She is living in Petersham.
Leo LaPointe is living at Dexters in Petersham.
Glenn Lawson is living in Iowa and is studying to be a chiropractor.
John LePoer is a senior at Worcester State Teachers College. He is living in Petersham.
Gordon Mitchell is living in Petersham.
Doris (Nelson) Coolidge is living in Walden Breezes, Concord, Mass.
Ruth (Newbury) Bassingthwaite is living in Petersham.

Class of 1946

Bernard Barnes Jr. is working at the Erving Paper Mills. He is living at home.
M. Kathryn Brunelle is an operator in the telephone office. She is living at home.
Constance (Burdett) Hall is living in Hubbardston.
Laura Knowles is living in Petersham.
Shirley (Preble) LaPointe is living in Petersham.
Gabriel Recos Jr. is working at the Arthur F. Tyler Co. in Athol. He is living in Athol.
Clifford Upham is working at the Union Twist Drill Co. in Athol. He is living in Petersham.
Ann (Withington) LePoer is living in Petersham.

Class of 1947

Virginia Bates is working at the Rodney Hunt Co. in Orange. She is living at home.
Robert Belden is a senior at Clark University. He is living at home.
Stuart Bryant is an apprentice at the Union Twist Drill in Athol. He is living at home.
Rosalie (Clark) Vitello is living in Miami, Florida.
May LePoer is a nurse at the Rutland Veterans Hospital.
Rosemary (Sullivan) Hayes is living in Barre Plains.
Evelyn (Upham) Pierson is working at Starrett's in Athol. She is living at home.
Lawrence White is in the Navy and is stationed in Korea.

Class of 1948

Lois (Adams) Cooley is working at Union Twist Drill Co. in Athol. She is living in Barre.
Carlyn Bryant is a third year student at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.
Douglas Cooley is working at the Union Twist Drill Co. in Athol. He is living at home.
Sally Cooley is working at the Worcester County Trust in Barre. She is living at home.
Arline Dorow is working at the Webster Sole Co. in Athol. She is living in Orange.

Ernest Johnson is in his third year at the University of Massachusetts.
Richard Recos is in the Navy and is stationed at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Richard Warrington is working at the Union Twist Drill Co. in Athol.
He is living at home.

Class of 1949

Kathryn (Baldwin) Smith is living in Barre.

Robert Douthit is a freshman at Clark University. He is living at home.

Beverly Elliott is a sophomore at Simmons College in Boston.

Melvin Merritt is working with his father. He is living at home.

Class of 1950

Constance Barnes is working at McElwains Co. in Athol. She is living at home.

James Johnson is working at Union Twist Drill Co. in Athol. He is living at home.

George Recos is working with his father. He is living at home.

Class of 1926

Lawrence Black is working at the Athol Manufacturing Co. He is living in South Athol.

Arthur Lewis is deceased.

Delmar (Nelson) Cunningham is living in Petersham.

Hazel (Nelson) Bonk is living in Gardner.

George Reid is working for the General Electric Co. in Fitchburg. He is living in Athol.

Marjorie Russell is living in Richfield, Connecticut.

Edward Tucker is working at the Allen Manufacturing Co. in Barre.
He is living in Petersham.

Fifty Years Ago

There was no high school in Petersham between the years 1896 to about 1908. Hence, there was no graduating class fifty years ago.

Ann Bryant '52

Jimmy was a chemist's son;

Now Jimmy is no more,

'Cause what he thought was H_2O was H_2SO_4

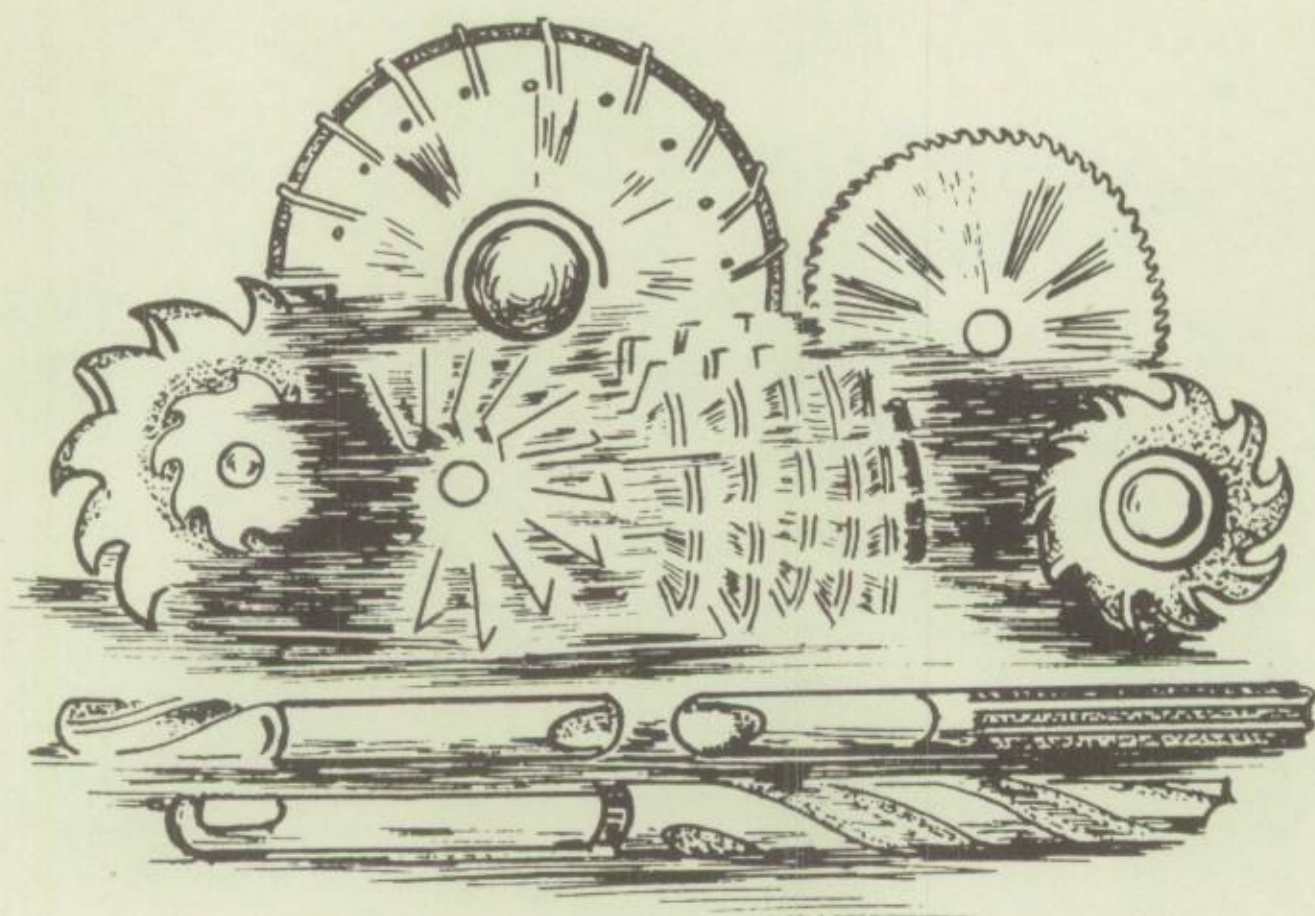
If you think it's hard living within
your income, try living without it.

Some politicians who have made their
beds now seem to be trying to lie out of
them.

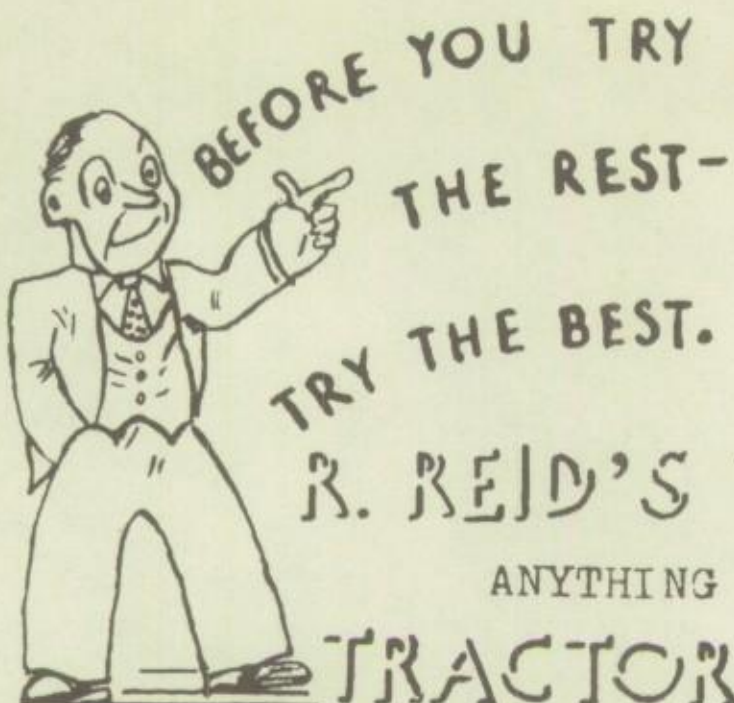


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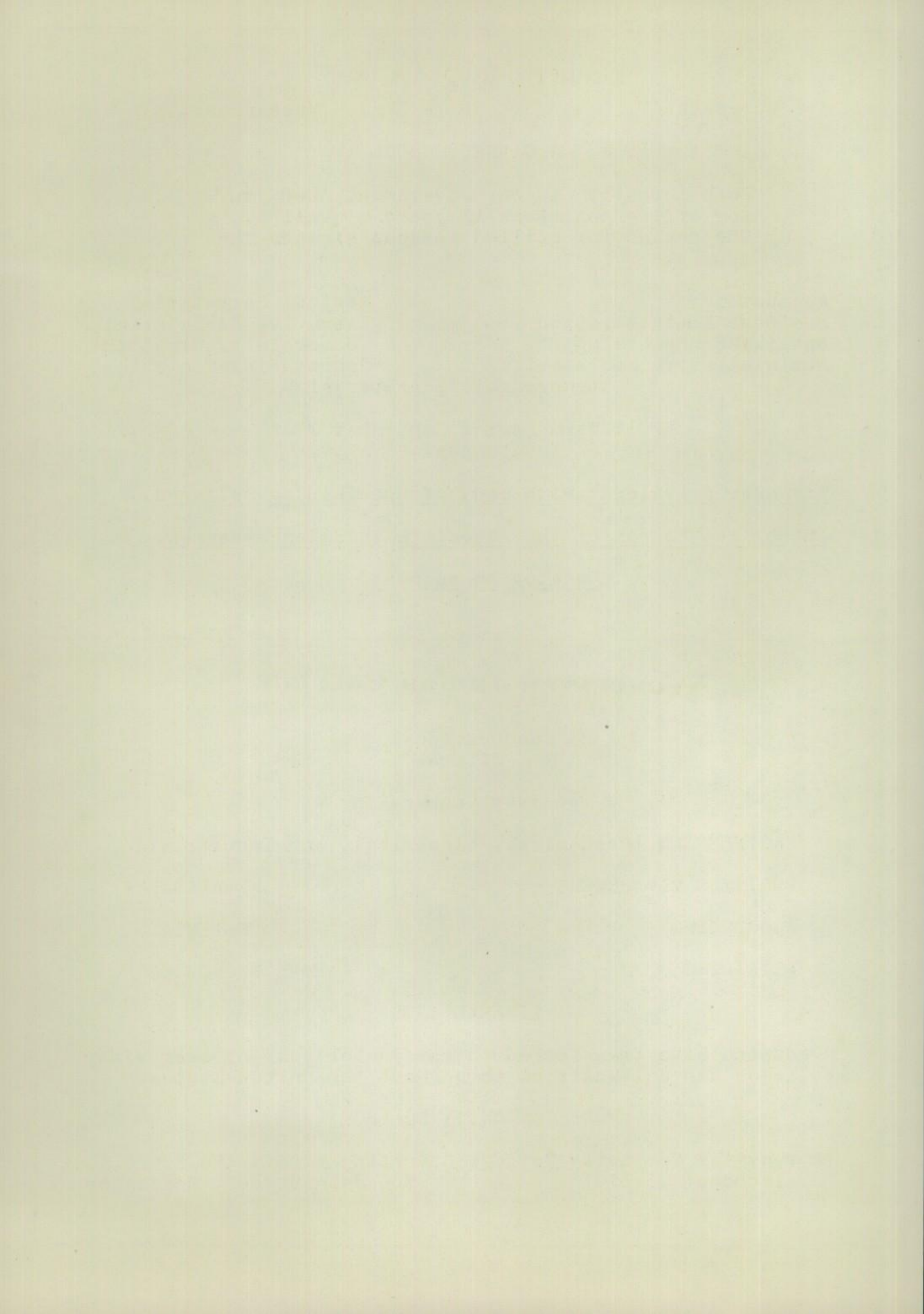
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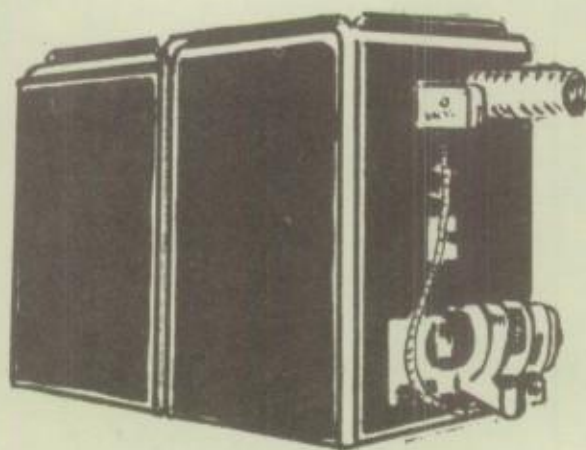
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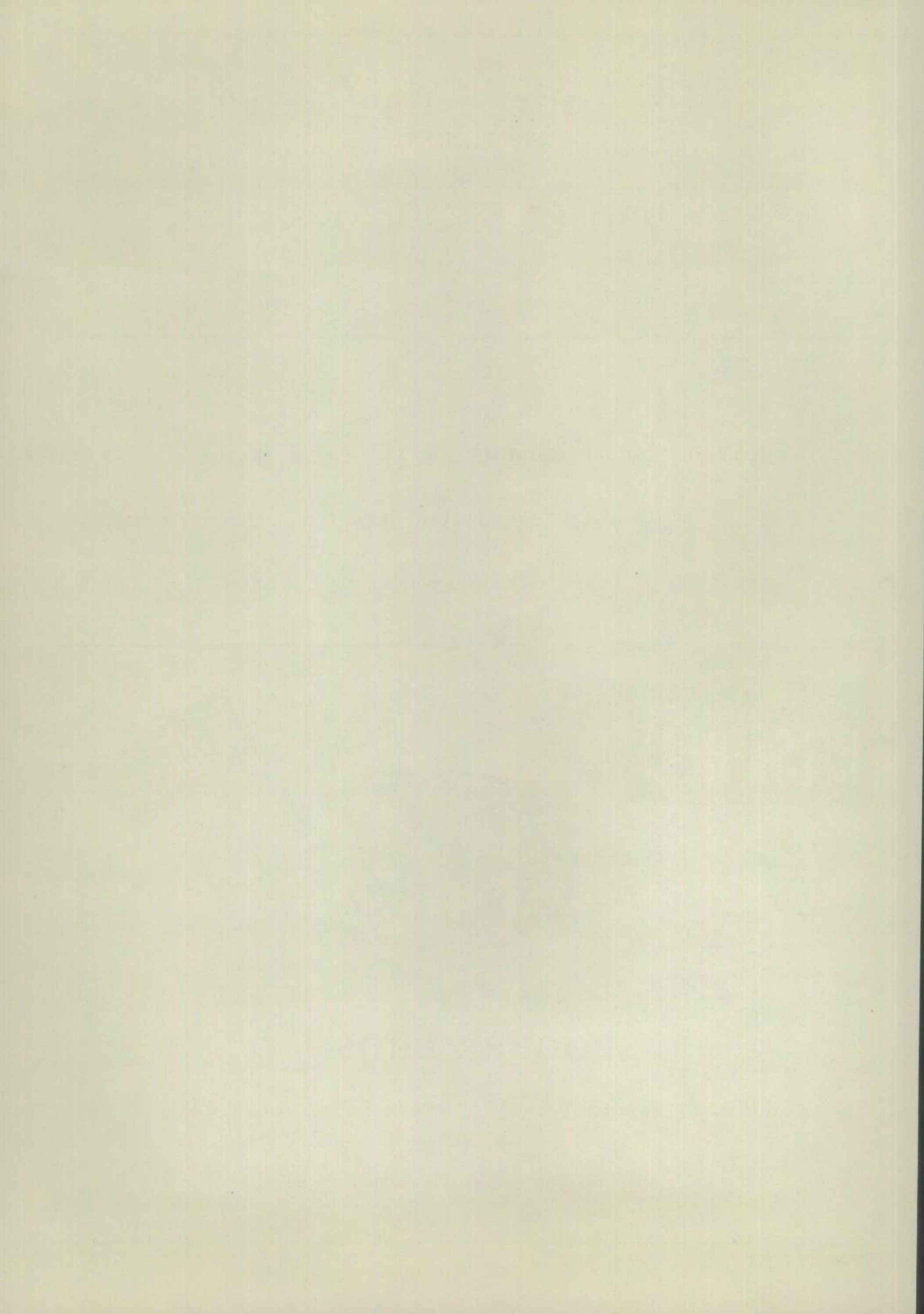


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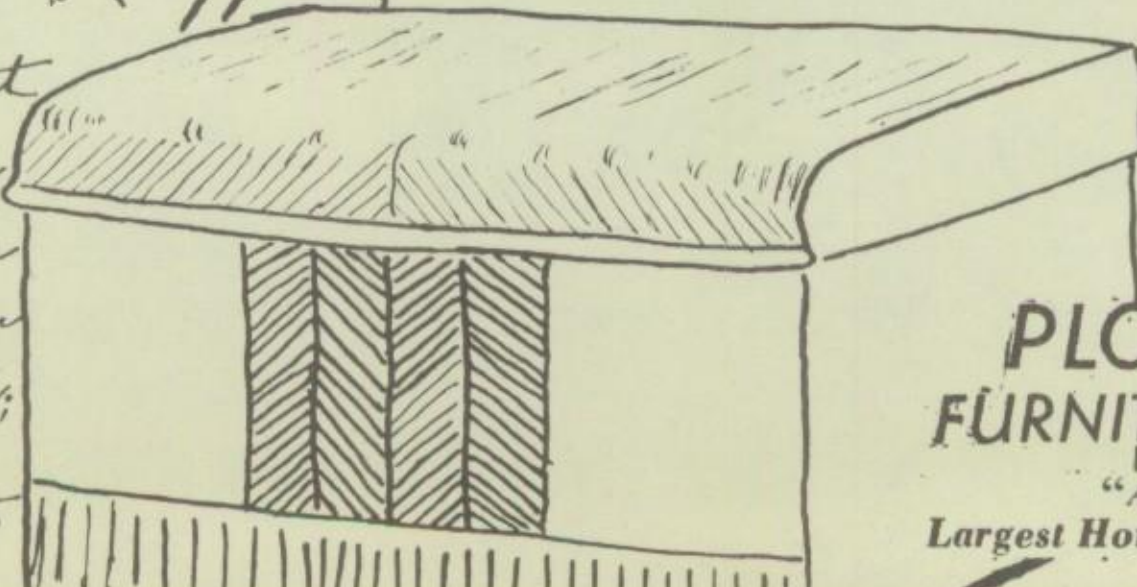


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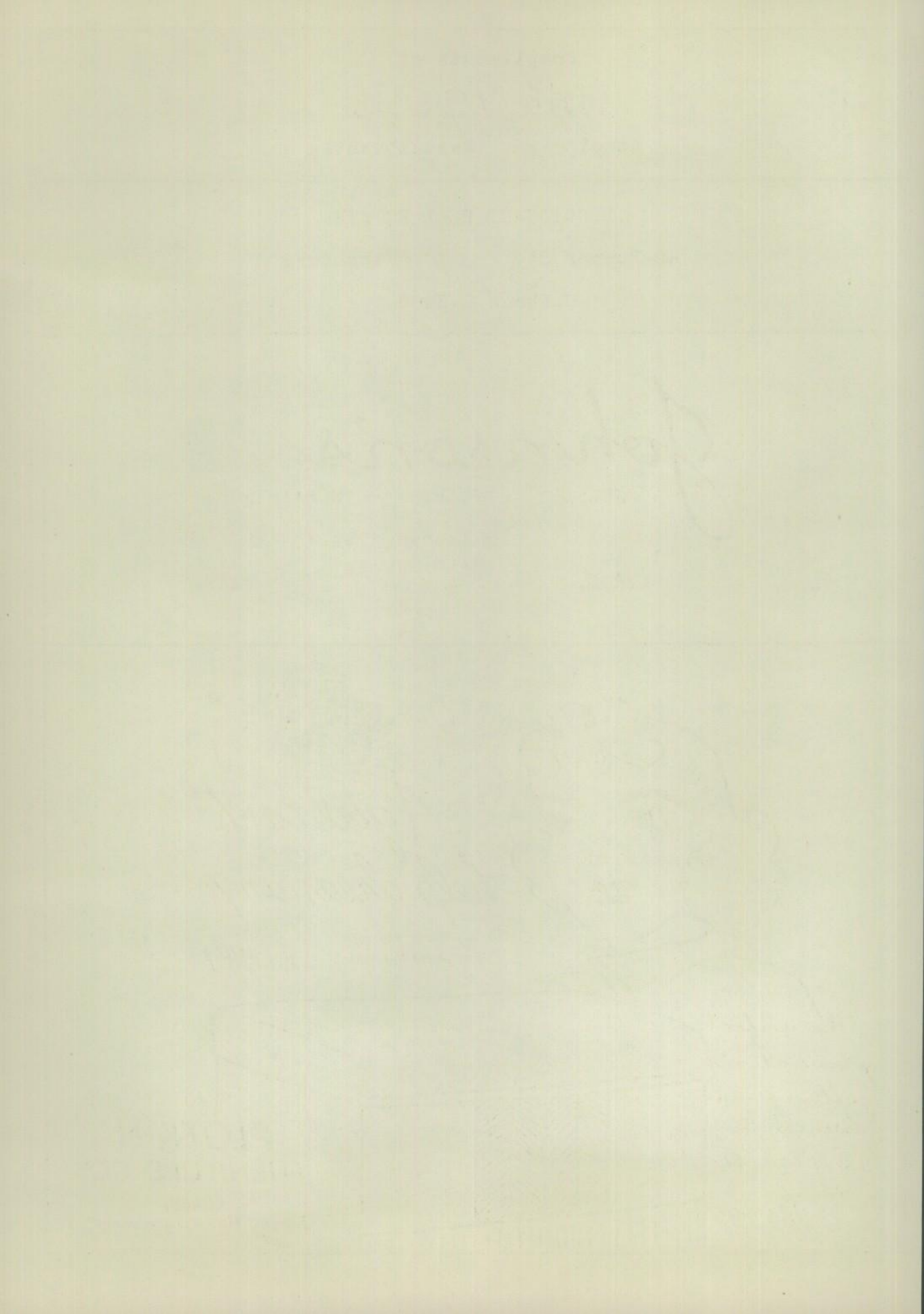
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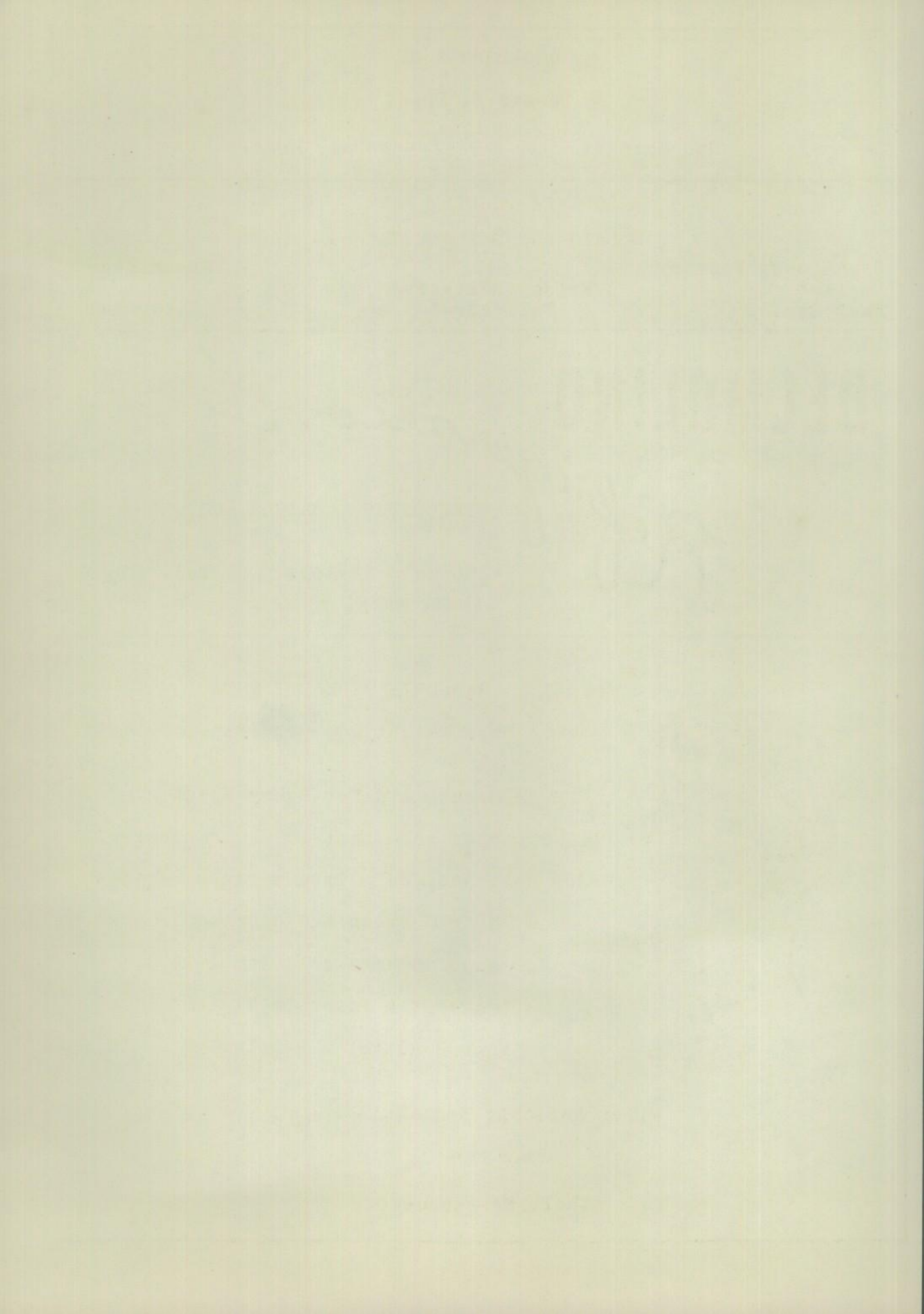
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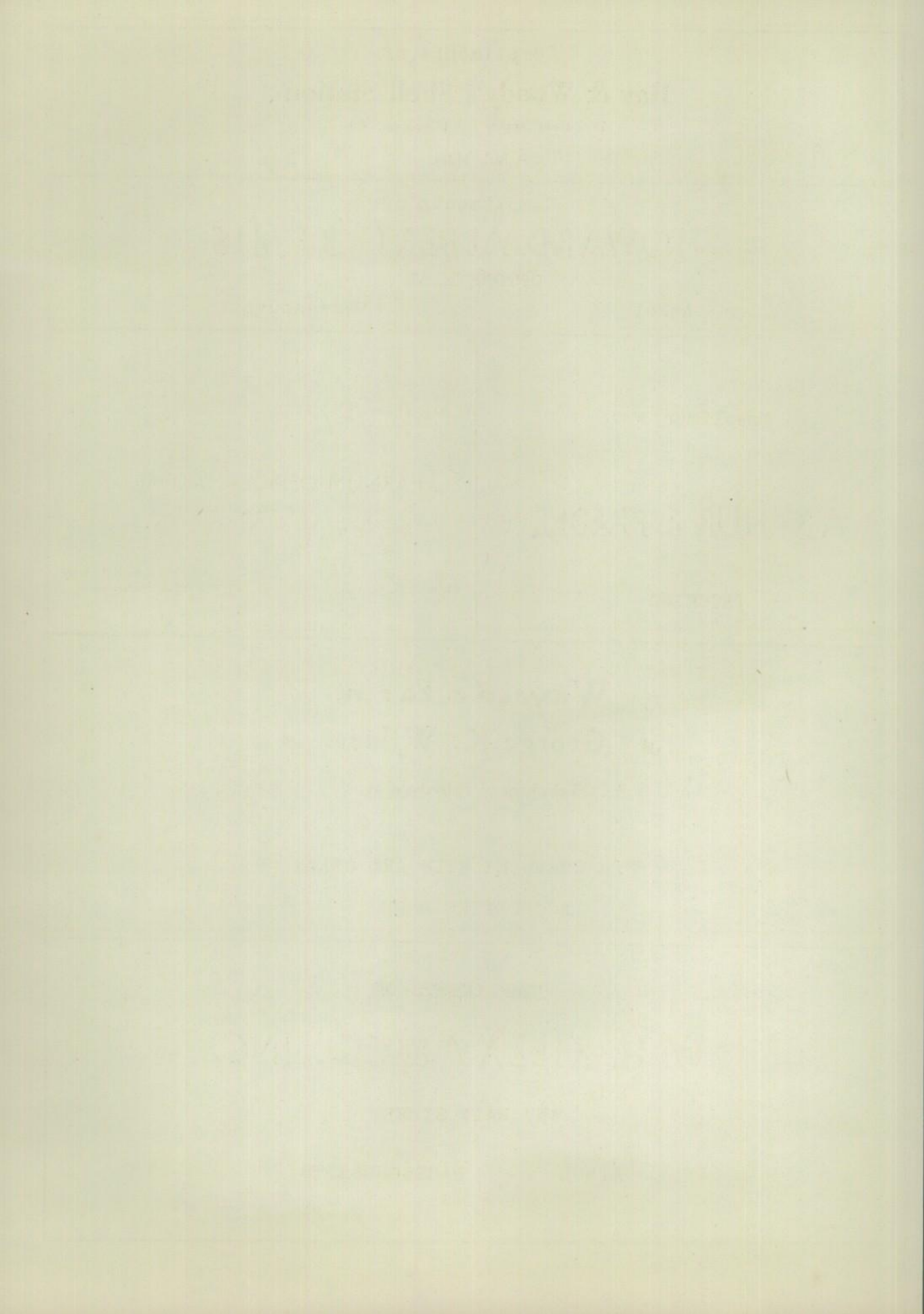
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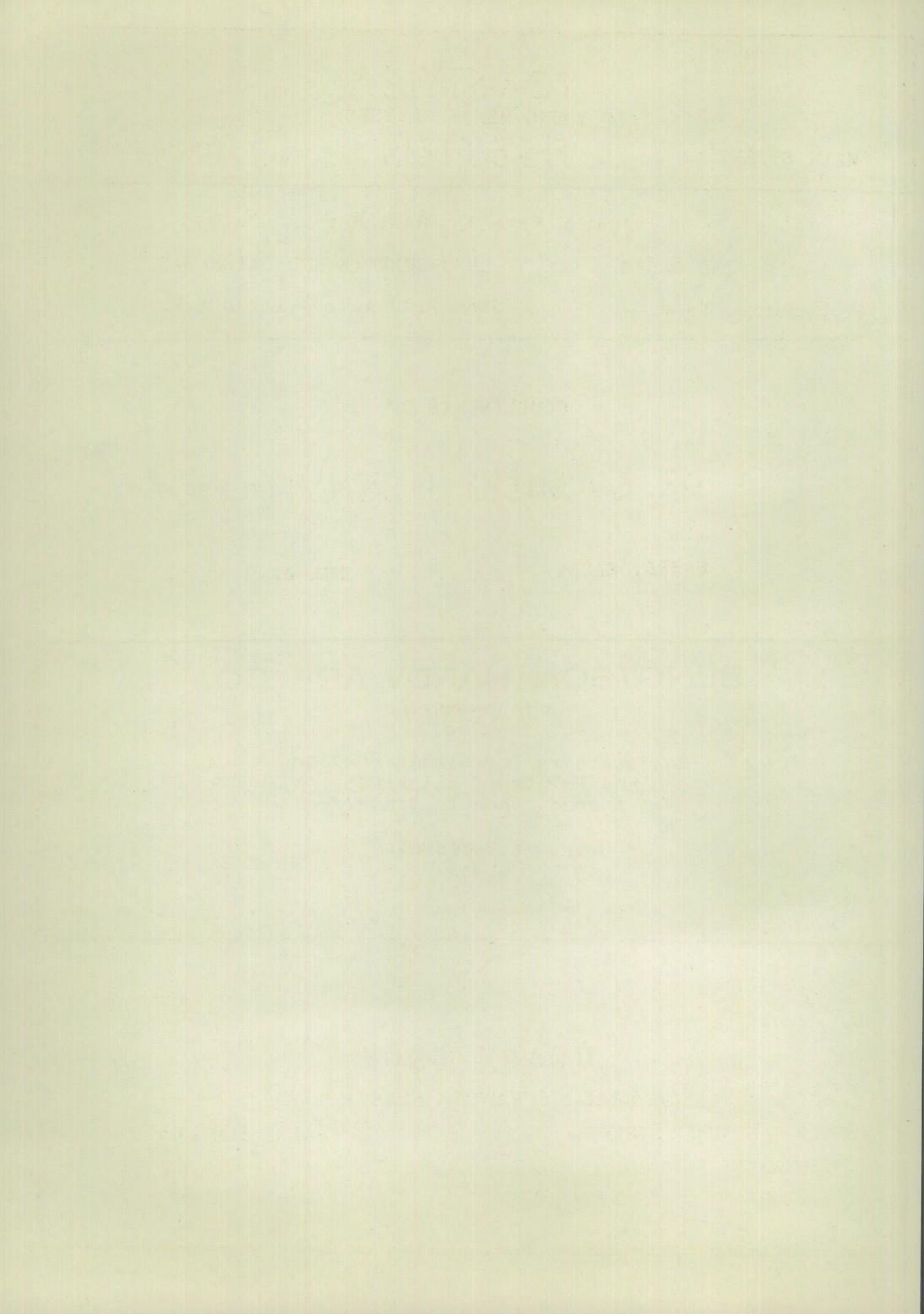
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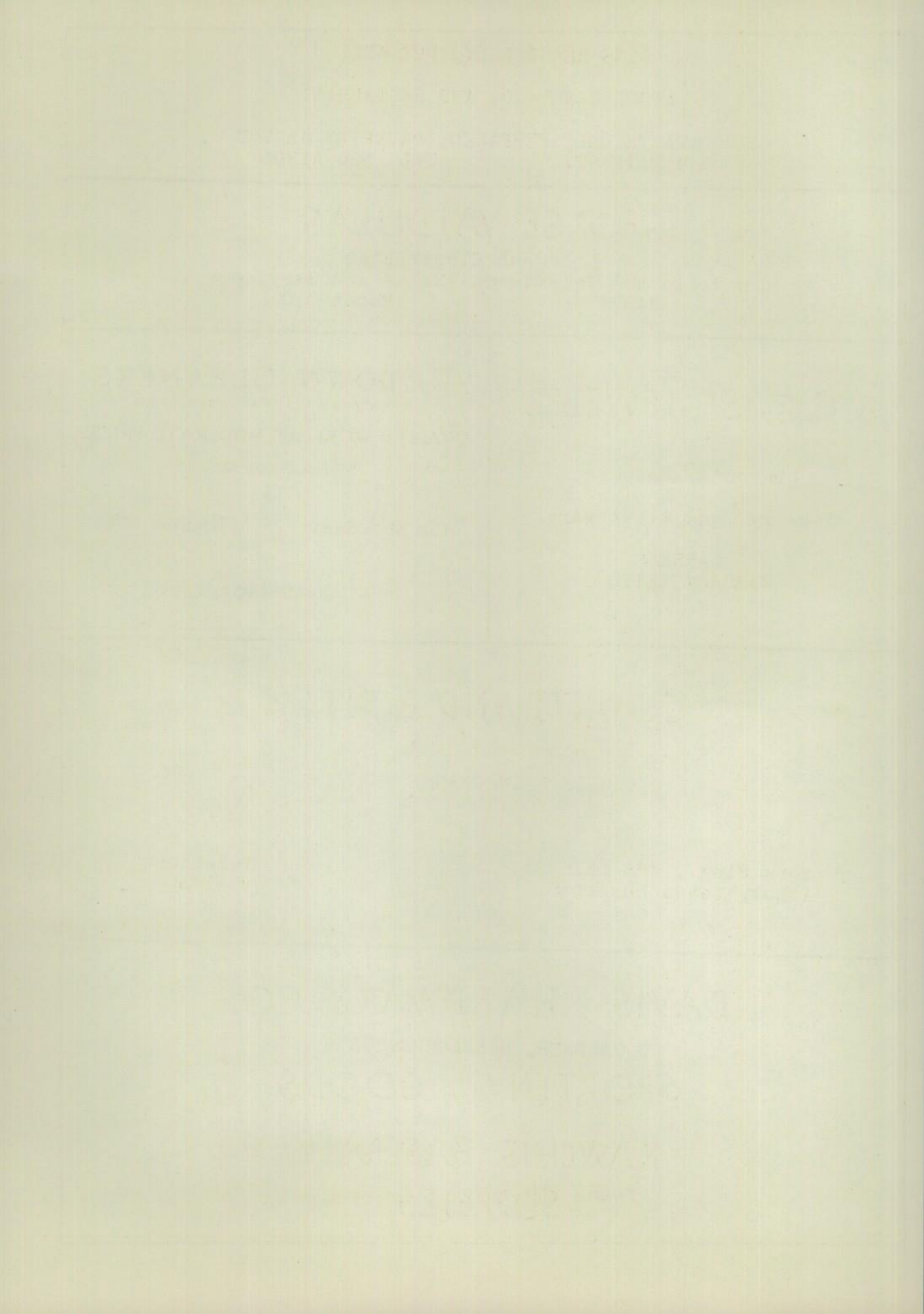
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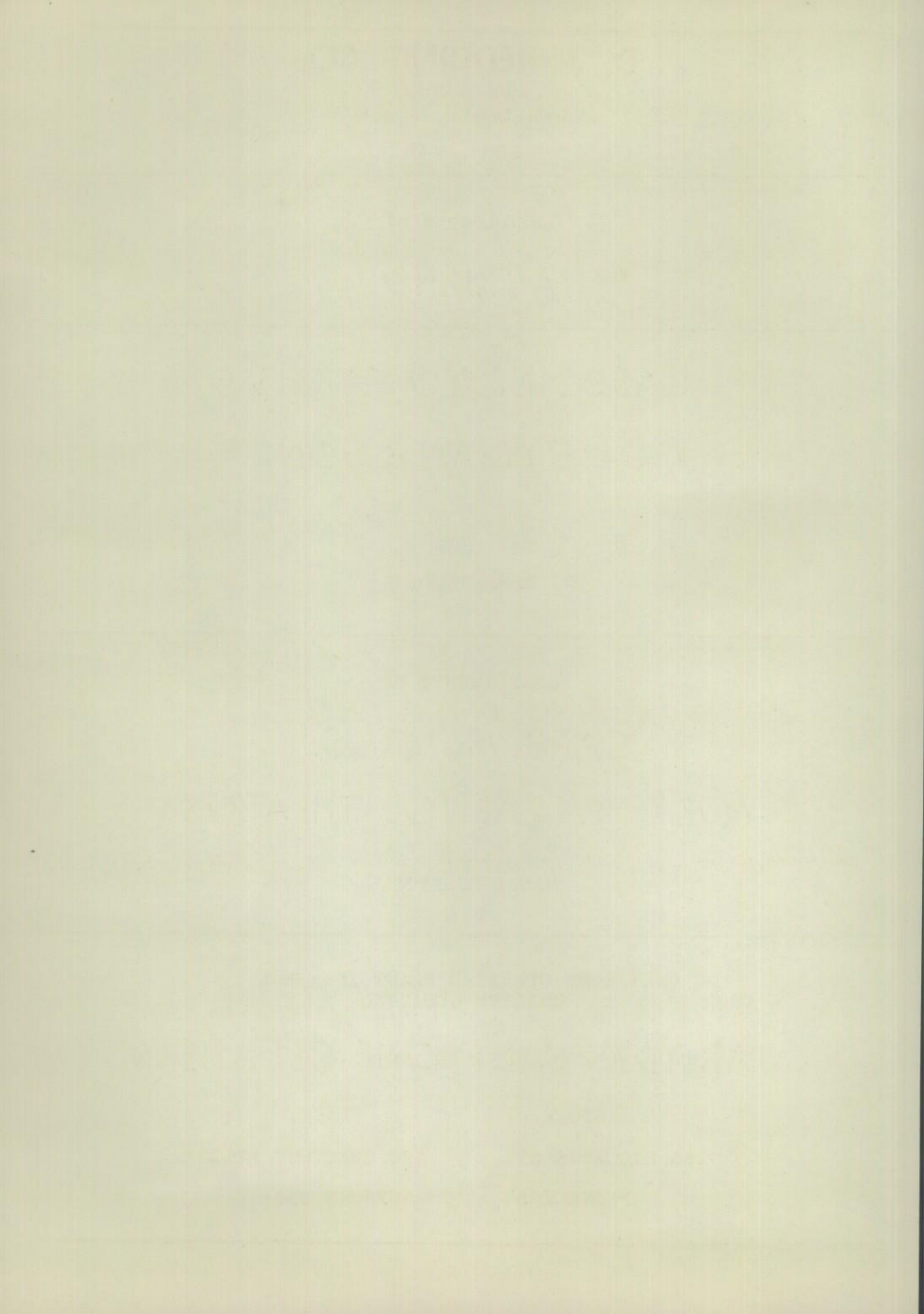
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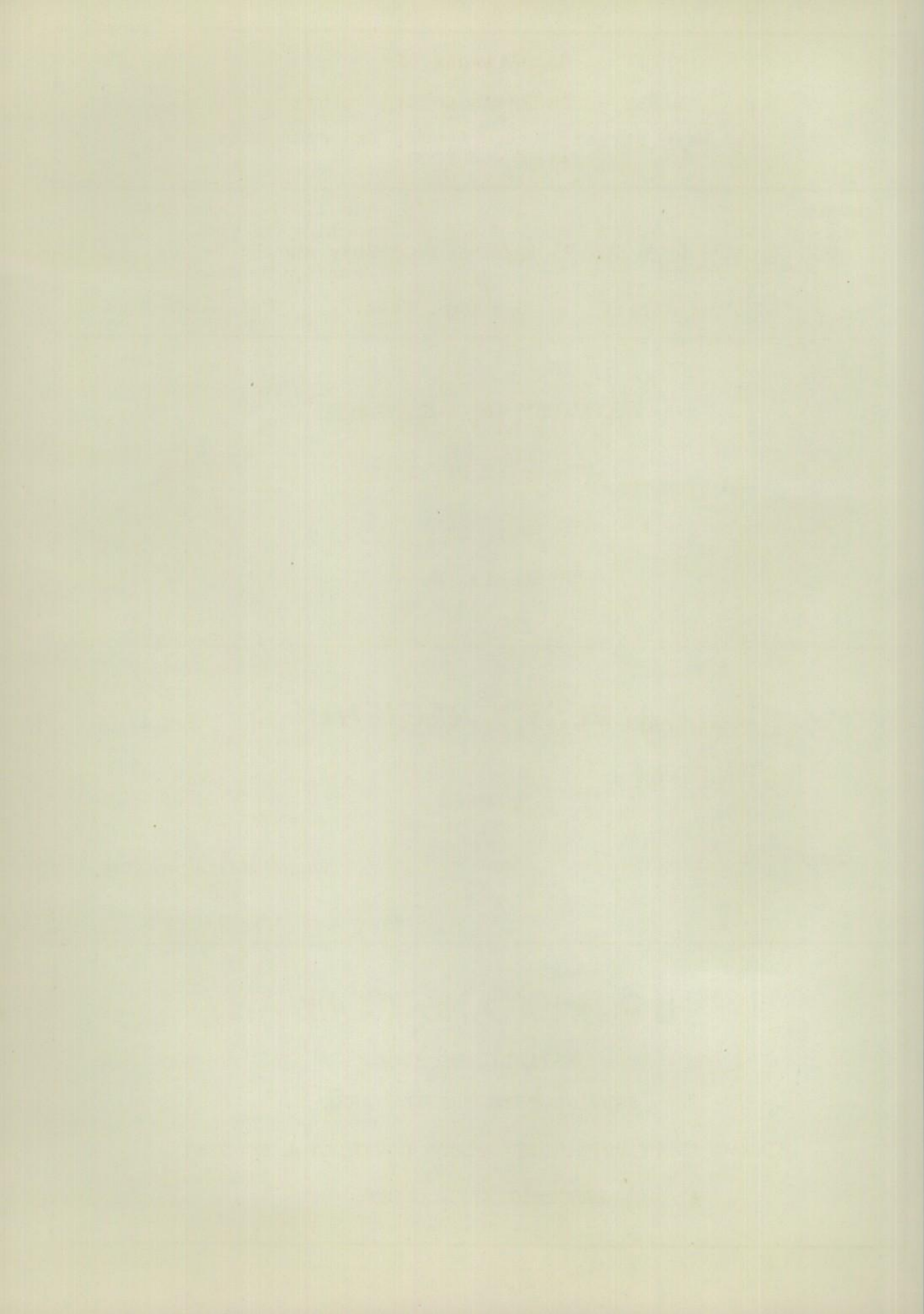
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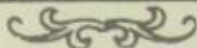
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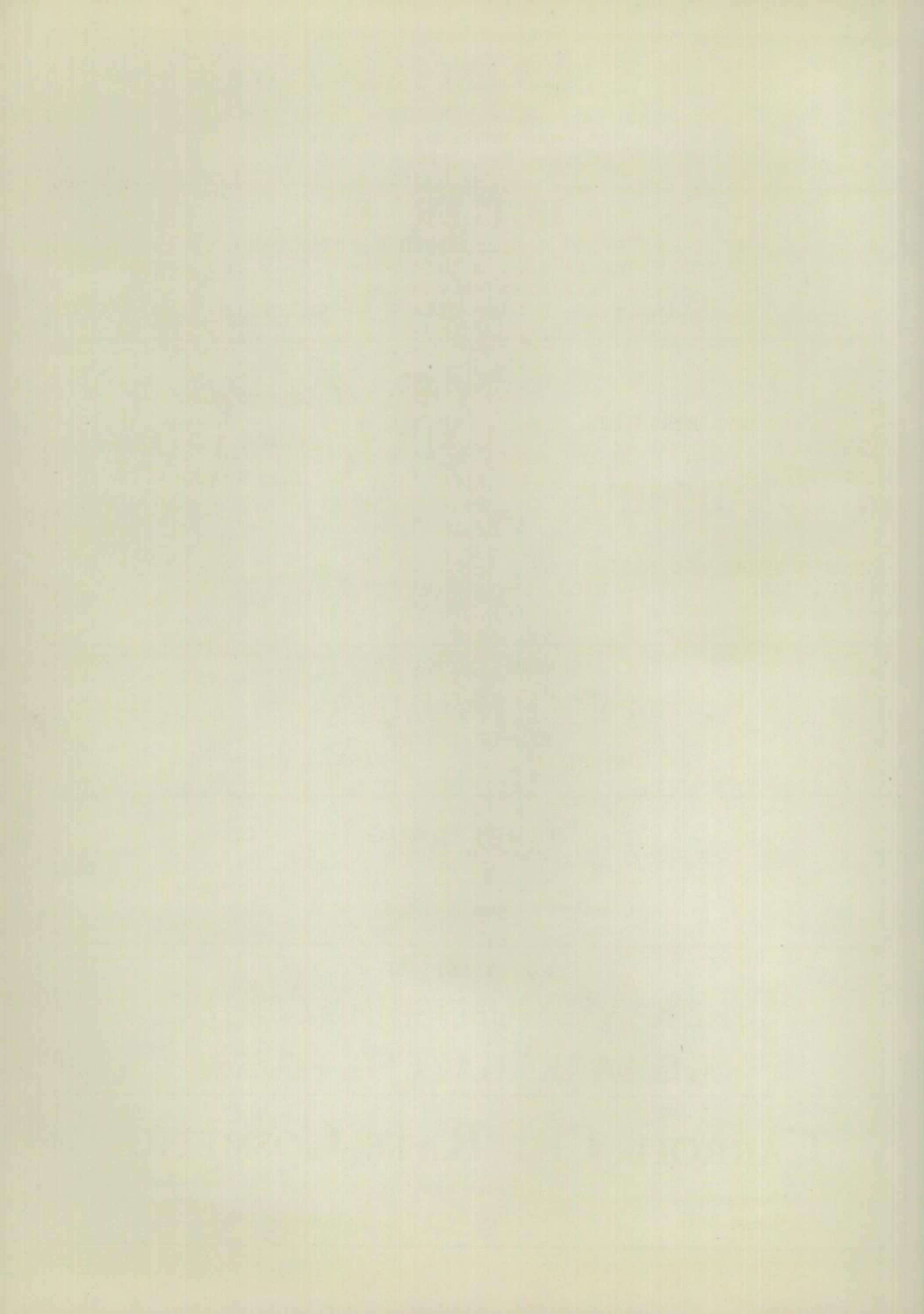
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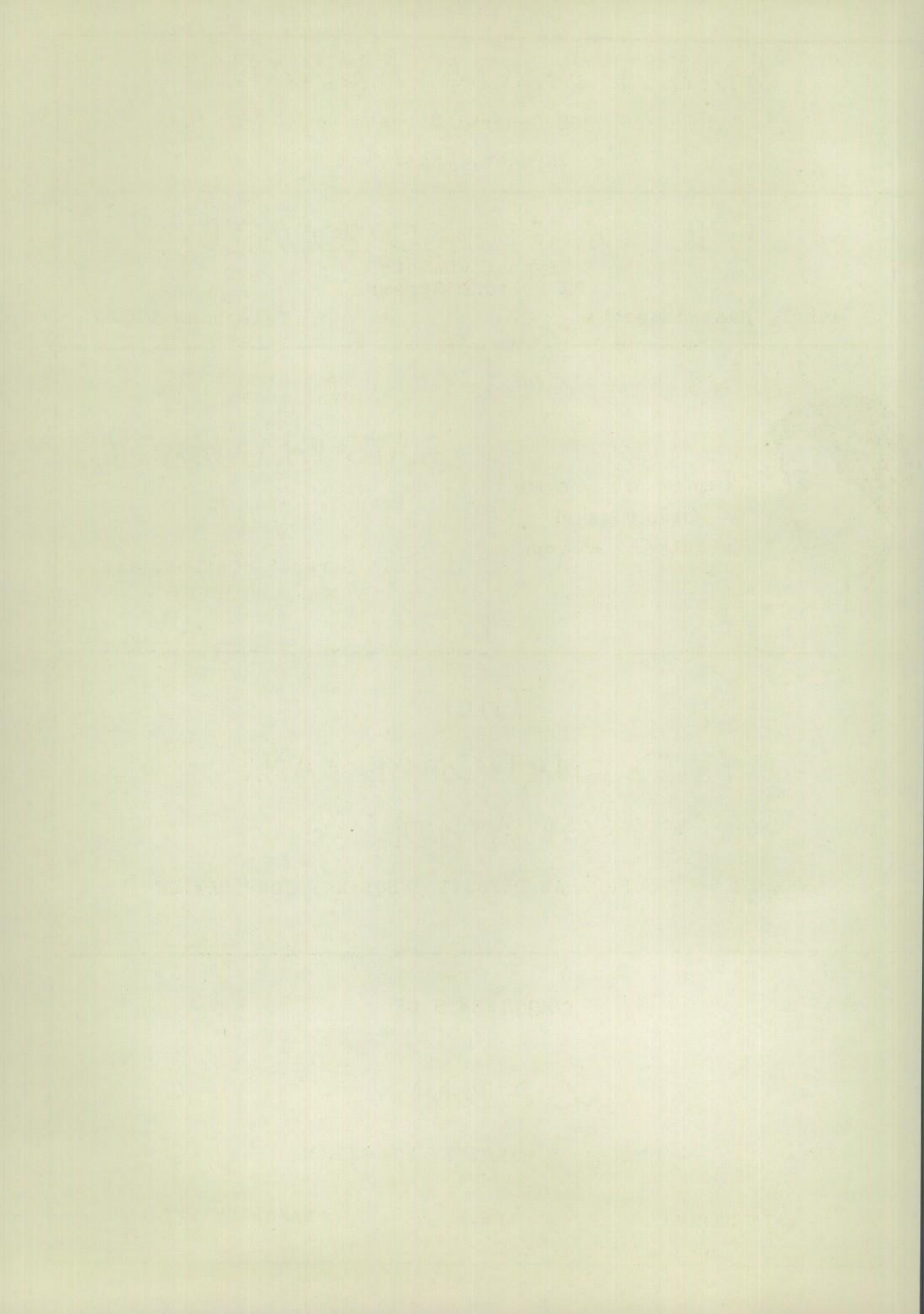
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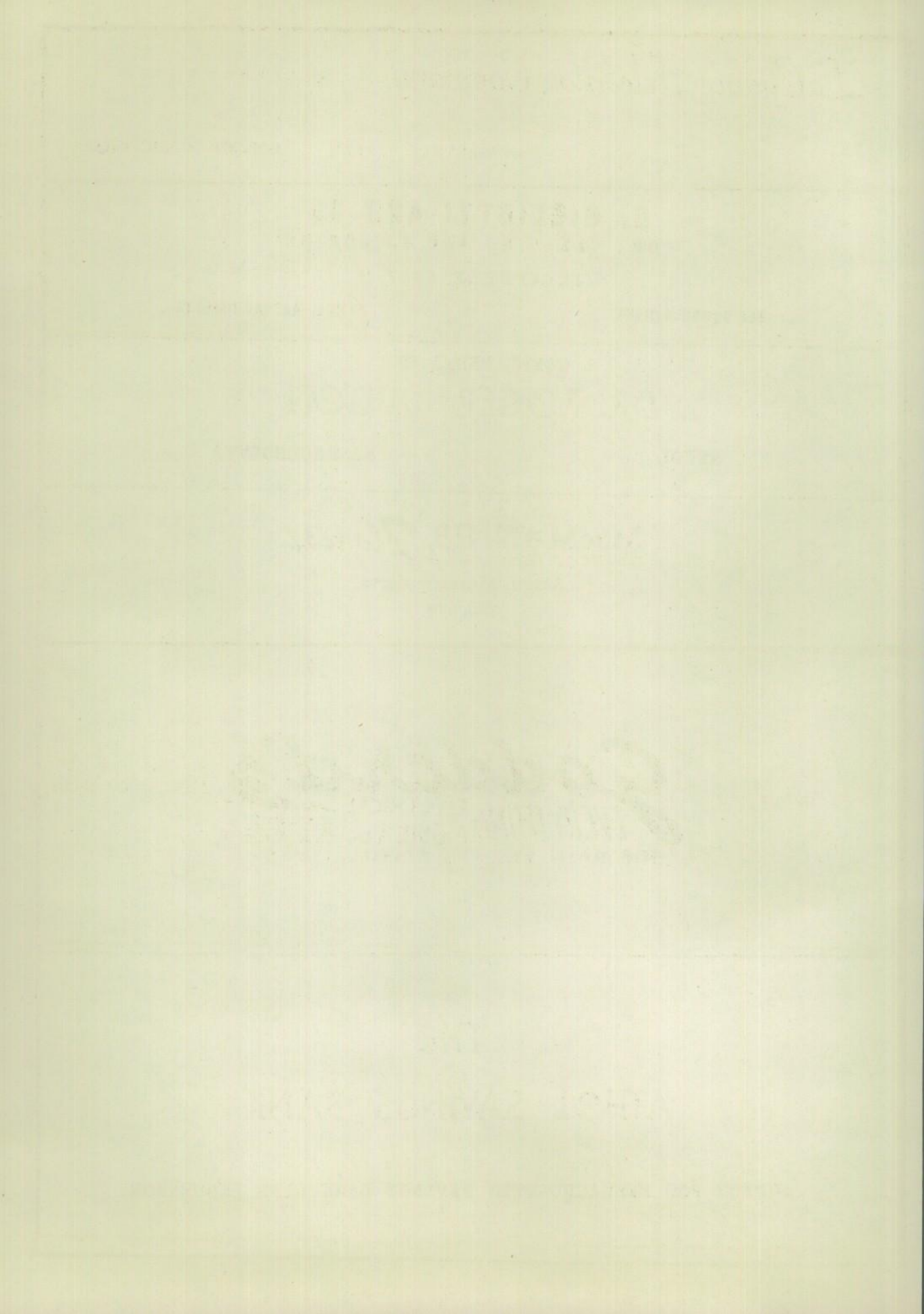
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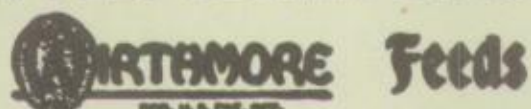
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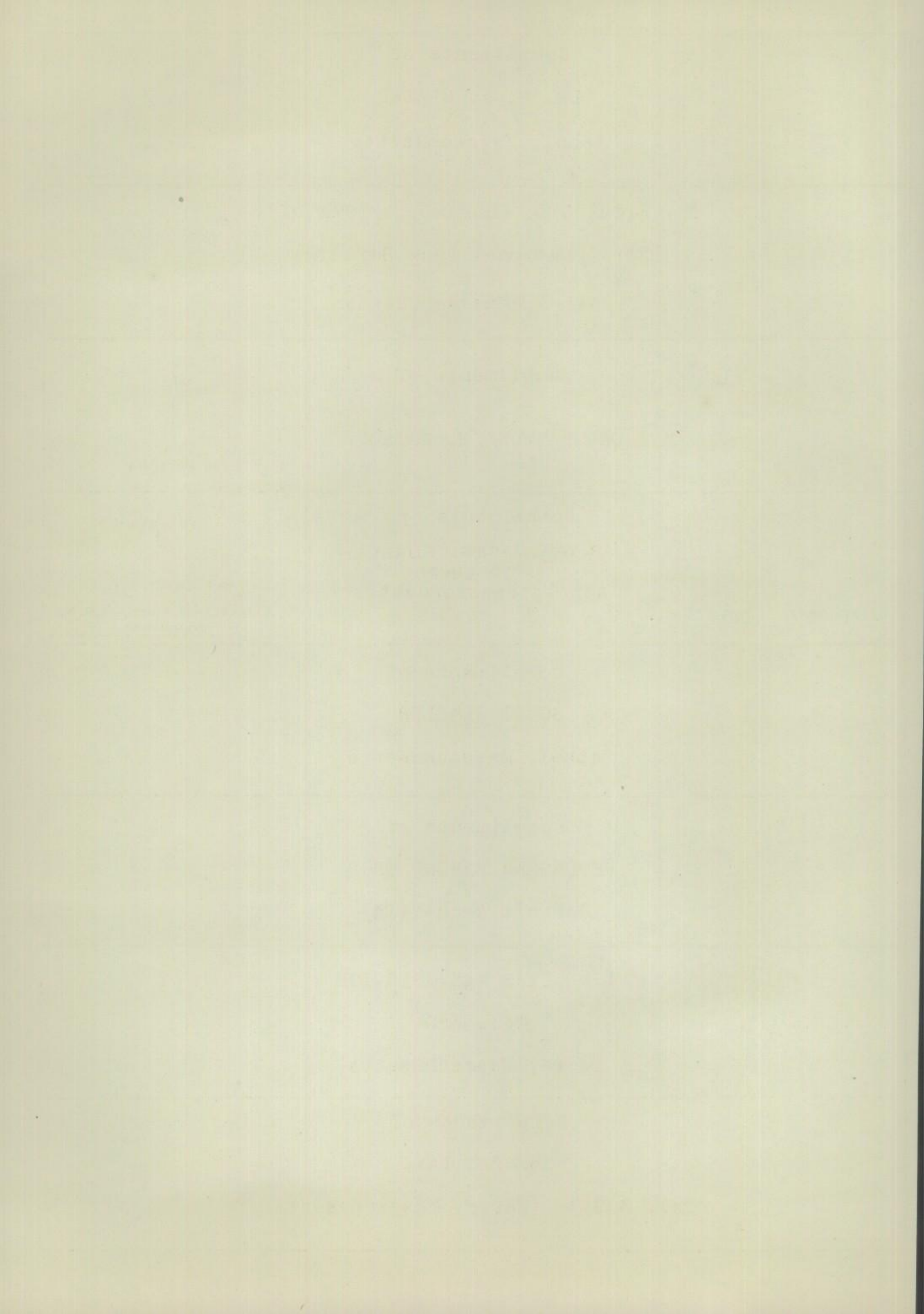
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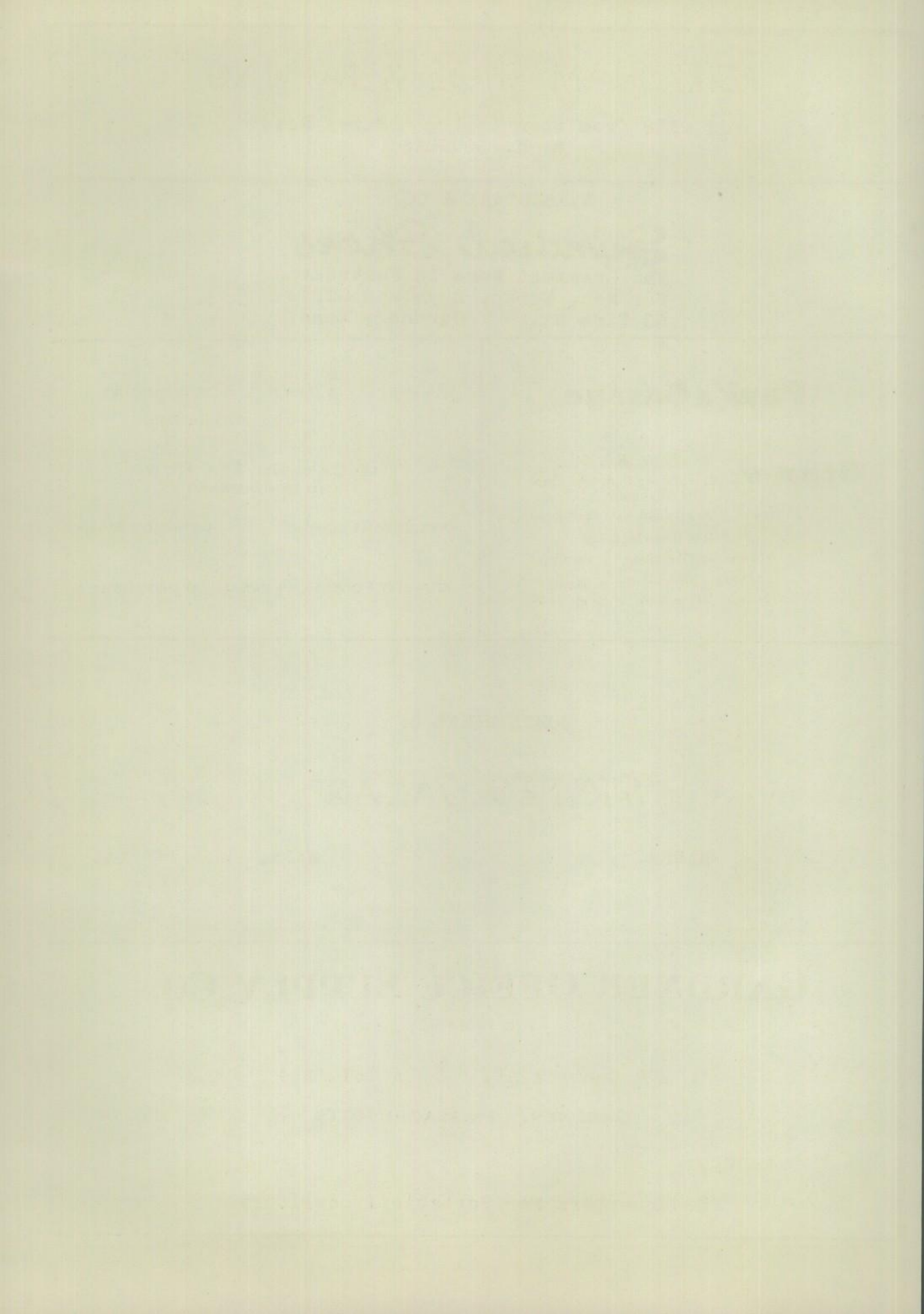
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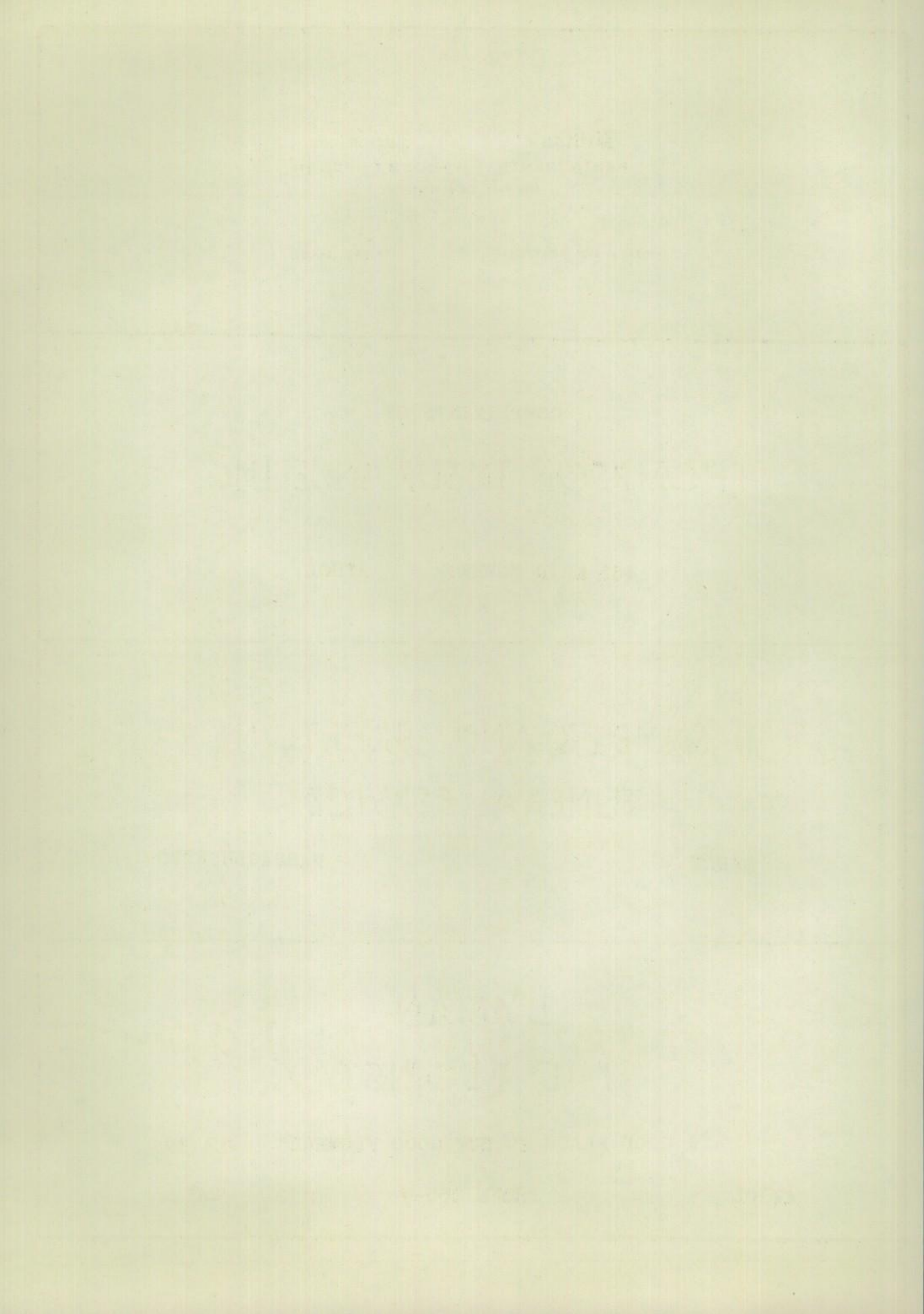
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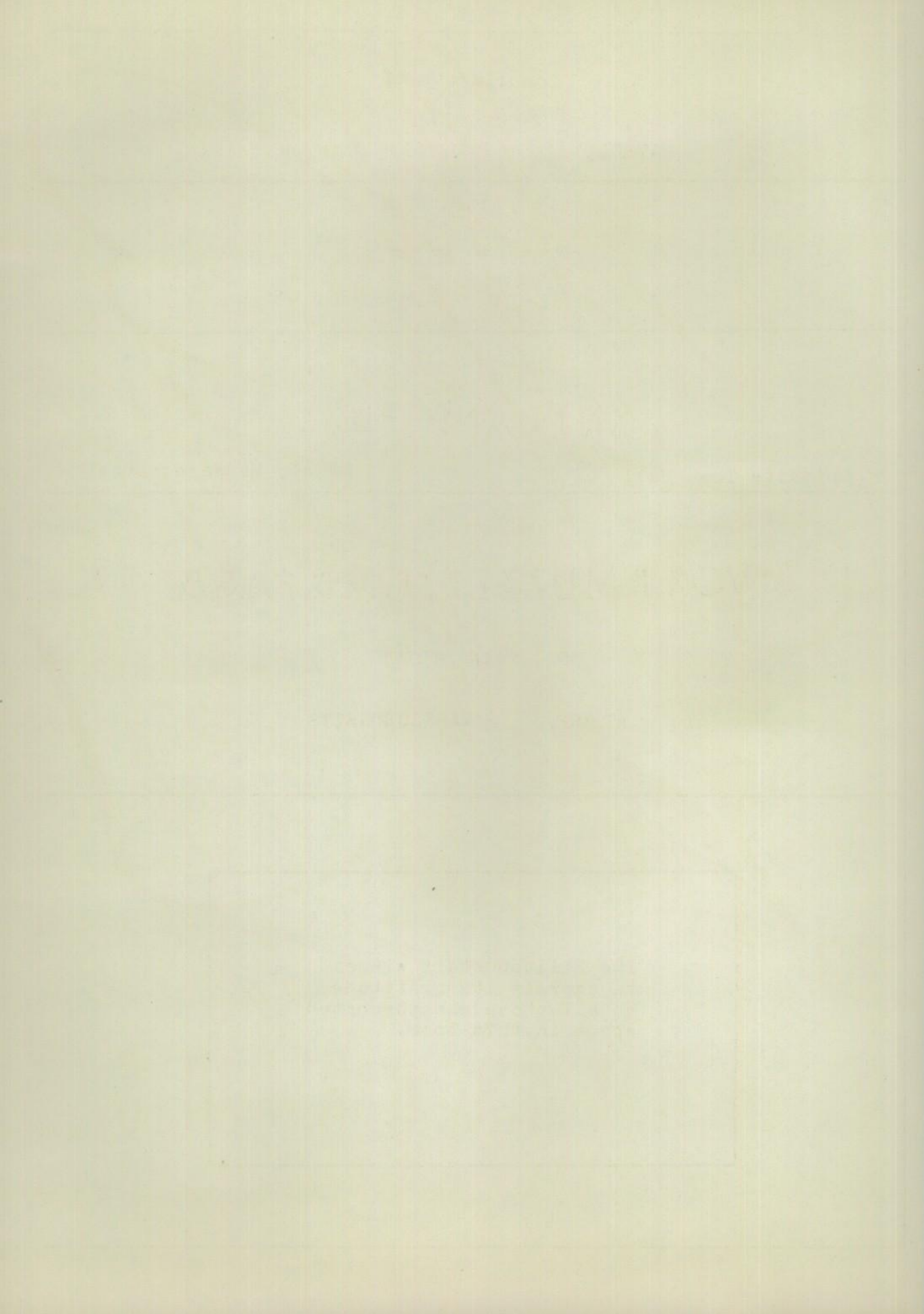
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